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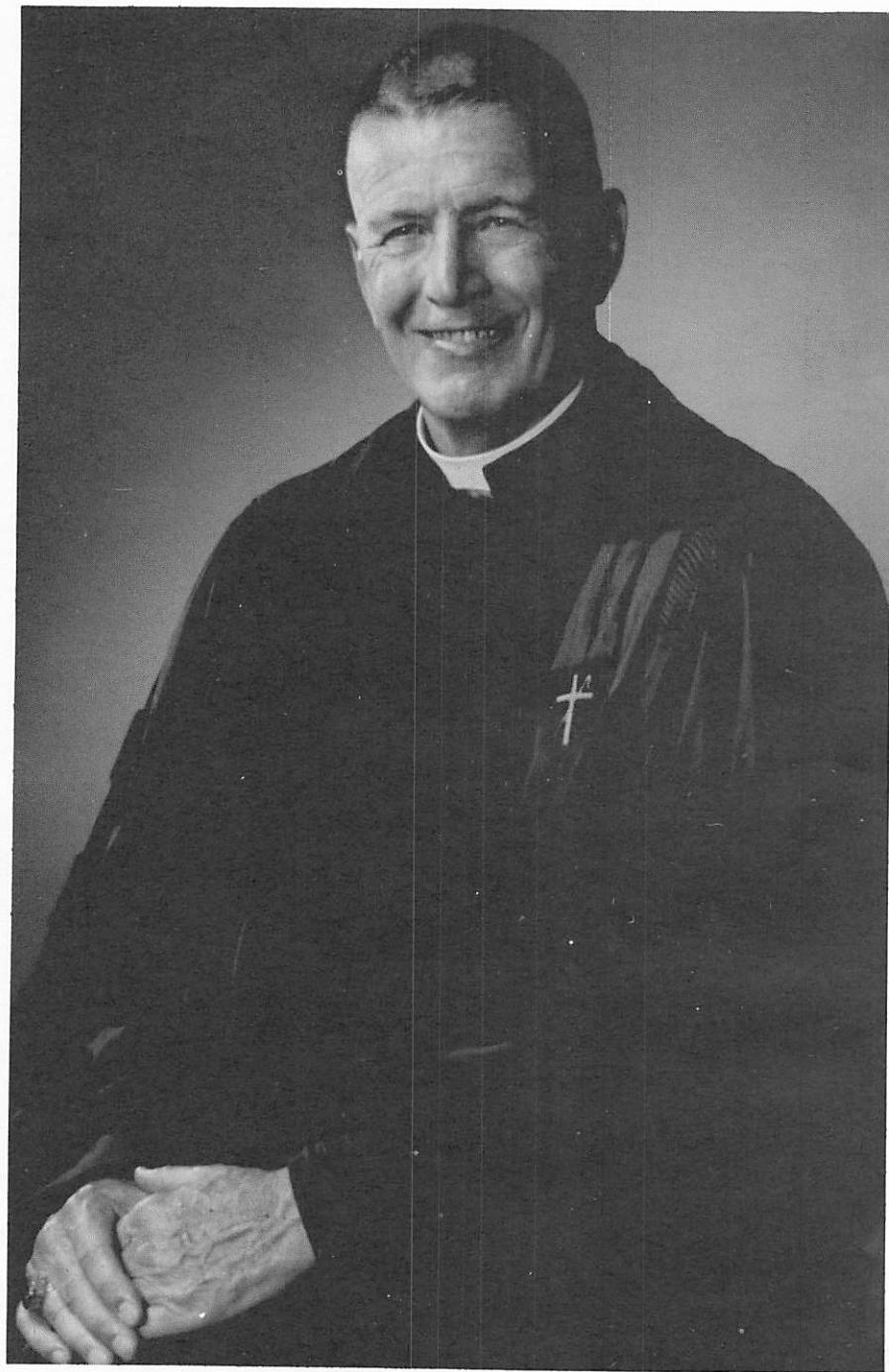
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For Others See 1969 Journal



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## DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Monday, June 1, 1970

Bishop Everett W. Palmer opened the Business Session at 1:15 p.m. by asking the delegates to sing No. 336 ("Are We Yet Alive") in the Methodist Hymnal. This was followed by the Unison Collect for Purity, Prayer by the Bishop and the Lord's Prayer.

Annual Meeting then went through basic organization. John J. Shaffer moved that the entire center section be established as the bar of the conference. Seconded and carried. Ac C. Wischmeier moved adoption of the printed program as the agenda. Seconded and carried. Ac Wischmeier indicated that John J. Shaffer was nominated as Secretary and Leo J. Cramer as Statistician and moved their election. Seconded and carried. John J. Shaffer named Robert Bowers and Eugene Walters as Assistant Secretaries. Seconded and carried.

Introductions were made by Ac Wischmeier. Greetings were brought by Mr. Jack Montell, Anchorage Assistant for Governor Keith Miller. Greetings were brought by James Campbell, Representative of Mayor George Sullivan of Anchorage. Dr. J. Edward Carothers, Executive Secretary of the National Division was introduced. Dr. Harry Komuro, Assistant Secretary of the National Division, Area of Special Ministries was introduced. Dr. Lyle Weed of the Board of Pensions was introduced. The birth of Vanesse Piroska Lueck was announced. Jim and Fay Fellers were introduced to the Annual Meeting. Thomas Whitehead of St. Paul's Church in Milwaukee, Oregon, was introduced.

Courtesy Committee was appointed which included: Charles Horner, Grace Wilson and James Griffin. They presented a corsage to Mrs. Everett Palmer. Charles Horner then recognized Mrs. Ac Wischmeier. Alaska Mission office staff was then introduced: Mrs. Mary Beth Sturgis (Bookkeeper and Treasurer) and Kathy Taylor (Secretary) . . . Alma Hartman introduced her two sisters, here for her graduation as a special surprise, Mrs. Ellen Curtis and Mrs. Edna Muckley, both of Canton, Ohio. Dr. Fred McGinnis, host to the meeting and President of Alaska Methodist University, was introduced and he addressed the meeting, pointing out that this was his 20th year to be at the opening of the Annual Meeting in Alaska.

John J. Shaffer then read letters of greetings from Meredith Groves and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Warner. He then moved that greetings be sent to Dr. and Mrs. Meredith Groves, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Warner, Bishop Phillips and Mrs. A. Raymond Grant.

Leo C. Cramer, Rules Committee Chairman, then presented the report of the Rules Committee. Bishop Palmer suggested that we deal with the report page by page, as contained in 1970 Conference Handbook. On page 7, Thomas Dahl moved and Robert Bowers seconded that in the section "Lay Membership" that the word charge be changed to church, thus reading "The Charge Conference of each Church . . ." Amendment seconded. David Fison moved a Substitute Motion "that each church of a charge send a representative if possible but that only one from a charge have the privilege of voting and that the voting member be determined by lot among the

delegates of that charge." Seconded and defeated with 10 yes and 21 no. Dahl amendment failed with 18 votes yes and 20 no. Leo C. Cramer moved that the section 4. dealing with at large lay representation be allowed to vote. Seconded. William G. Trudeau moved to amend Section 4 to add "In cases where clerical members of the Mission are appointed to church related institutions in Alaska, one Lay representative shall be selected from each of the boards of those institutions." Seconded. Chair ruled the amendment out of order. William G. Trudeau made an amendment that "The lay delegates shall be selected first from United Methodist members of ecumenical churches in the State of Alaska." Seconded and defeated. Motion by Leo C. Cramer to adopt page seven. Seconded and carried. Thomas Dahl moved reconsideration on the motion to adopt page seven. Motion defeated. John Tindell moved reconsideration on page 7 by a count vote. Defeated with 17 yes and 19 no votes. Leo C. Cramer moved adoption of page 8. Seconded and carried. Leo C. Cramer moved adoption of page 9. Seconded. Robert Nelson moved to delete the words "but without vote" from Sec. 6 (c) line 14. Seconded. Charles Horner moved to refer to the lay delegates, so that a poll of them could be taken. Seconded and defeated. Amendment then failed 11 for and 23 against.

Suggestion by Tindell to defer Lay Activities & Temporal Economy report until action of Minimum Pastoral Support was ruled out of order by Bishop Palmer. Page 9 then adopted. On page 10, Don Bolton asked to change (d) line 4 by adding the words "in length" after hour. Accepted by the Rules Committee. Leo C. Cramer moved adoption of Page 10. Seconded and carried. Leo C. Cramer moved adoption of Page 11. Seconded and Carried. Leo C. Cramer moved adoption of page 12. Seconded and carried. Leo C. Cramer moved adoption of page 13. Seconded and carried.

Superintendent Ac Wischmeier then gave portions of the Supt's Report.

Following announcements, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

### **Monday Evening**

During the Evening the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the Memorial Services were held at St. John United Methodist Church. Dr. J. Edward Carothers spoke on the general theme of remembering.

### **Tuesday Morning, June 2, 1970**

At 8:30 a.m. Dr. Carothers spoke on "Bearing Fruits Out of Season".

At 9:20 a.m. the Business Session began with the Program Council presenting a visual report of various Boards and their own work. Those who participated included: Walter Hays, David Fison, Danita Trudeau, Robert Nelson, Robert Bowers, Jean Stassel, Lydia Hays, Bill Searby, John Walther and John Tindell. The report was received with appreciation.

World Service and Finance Report was presented by William Staats for the information of the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Lyle Weed of the General Board of Pensions was presented

and he addressed the group about the pensions and the death benefits of our program.

We then adjourned for the day to be involved in the legislative sessions.

### Tuesday Evening

Dr. Carothers led a discussion on a concept of God and churchmanship. Participants included James Griffin, Grace Wilson and Thomas Whitehead.

### Wednesday Morning, June 3, 1970

At 8:30 a.m. Dr. Carothers addressed the group.

At 9:38 we had announcements. Walter Hays indicated that the Cokesbury book table was in the hall, plus he distributed some news releases.

Ac Wischmeier nominated James Thompson and James Griffin to replace those members of the Committee on Appreciation that were not present. After election, James Thompson was designated as the convener.

Details of pictures of pastors was announced.

Paul Jenkins questioned the action of the legislative committees on 1970 Calendar items. Our superintendent replied that only 1971 items are subject to review by the committee. We then continued in legislative sessions.

### Wednesday Afternoon Session, 2:00 p.m.

(Note: Page numbers refer to the 1970 Conference Handbook. Other numbers refer to the way in which each section presented its report. These items may be found in detail in the Recommendation Section of this Journal.)

Legislative Section on Christian Nurture — John Tindell

- #1-9 Carried
- #10 (Committee on Higher Education) Failed 18-14
- #11-12 Carried

Legislative Section on Christian Outreach — Howard Devore

- #1 (Church Location and Building) Page 23 above "In the Future-1971" put Recommendation". add — St. John's Sanctuary between East Anchorage and Sitka. Carried.
- #2 (Ecumenical Affairs) Page 31-32 in item 2 "ecumenical" substituted for "united". Carried.
- #3 (Board of Missions) Page 33. "1970 and" omitted; "recommended" for word "resolved in 4th line of paragraph 2 and 3rd line of paragraph 4. Add recommendation #1 of Page 71 in 1969 Journal (Advance Specials) and change "Wesley Foundation" to "United Campus ministries or their successors."
- #4 (Membership and Evangelism) Page 33 Deleted 1970, but it was added later, Carried.

Legislative Section on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy — William Searby

1. (Hospital Insurance) Page 32. Delete all but last Sentence: "We recommend that we remain in present plan of Hospital Insurance." Carried.
2. (Inclusion of Lay Employees in Hospitalization and Medical Expense Program) add "Full Time (30 hours per week)." Carried.
4. (Basic Salary Structure) Page 38. Strike "zero" — leave base. Change in 1, 2, 3, 4 "Salary Structure Committee" to "Alaska Mission". In #5 "Grant maximum of 20 years or \$2000 applicable to man with less than 5 years outside Alaska." In #6 (#5 in Handbook) add after 2.75 "per annum". Carried.
5. (Board of Laity) Page 40. Carried.
6. (World Service & Finance) Page 41-42. Carried. Page 43, 44, 45 Budget was withdrawn for later consideration.
7. (Amendment to Basic Salary Fund proposal)  
"The Basic Salary Fund proposal shall be tied with the Basic Salary Recommendation. If the Basic Salary is refused by the National Division, the Basic Salary Fund Proposal will be null and void." Moved to defer by Bill Staats. Seconded and carried.
7. RESOLUTION: "That Program Director Salary be at a higher Basis". Seconded and carried.

Legislative Section on Christian Nurture — John Tindell  
(Education) Pages 28, Numbers 5-9 Carried.

(Worship) Paragraph on worship carried.

1971 Chairman: Paul Jenkins; Secretary: Jim Fellers.

Legislative Section on Christian Outreach — Howard DeVore

1. (Resolution and Petition to National Division regarding Transfer of Church Properties) Page 37. Add "insurance, upkeep and taxes." Failed.
2. (Board of Evangelism) "Study Evangelism Needs". Carrier.
3. (Board of Missions) Page 33, Paragraph 2 add "1970".

1971 Chairman: Don Bolton; Secretary: Gary Lueck.

Legislative Section on Christian Social Responsibility — Bill Staats.  
Page 29 following (Christian Social Concerns and Health and Welfare Ministries)

1. Substitute "the mission" for the "Board" in all paragraphs. Carried.
2. In paragraph 1 substitute "basis" for "field". Carried.
3. In paragraph 2 add "in order to focus the study in paragraph 1 into concrete action." Carried.
4. Add "This listing is not intended to indicate priority." Carried.
5. Substitute for Paragraph 1 (Ecological) which causes all further paragraphs to push ahead one in number.
6. Paragraphs 1-8 carried.
7. Paragraph 9 add "of war" after "weapons". Strike "will work against the same" and add: "urge that present stockpile be destroyed." Amendment by Paul Jenkins seconded and carried.
8. Paragraph 10 add "encourage the development of" "by Working with school districts." Carried.

9. Paragraphs 11-15 carried.
10. Leo C. Cramer moved that legislative newsletter mailing lists should not be given to other groups than the Alaska Council of Churches. Seconded and carried 22-17.
11. Howard DeVore moved reconsideration of Paragraph 15 (Legislative newsletters). This Carried. He moved deletion of entire paragraph. Seconded and defeated.
12. Paragraph 16 (Population) and 17 (Transients) carried.
13. Board of Health and Welfare Ministries recommendations (pages 34-35) carried.
14. Reports of institutions were received for the journal, with Richard Gilbert, director, Jesse Lee Home, presenting some verbal comments in addition.

Statisticians Report by Leo C. Cramer was received.

Ac Wischmeier presented checks from The Methodist Publishing House for \$231.56 and the Board of Pensions for \$160.00.

John Shaffer read greetings from the Southwest Annual Conference.

Election of Committee on Reference with 5 laymen, 4 pastors and the superintendent.

Ac Wischmeier made these nominations for World Service and Finance: Eugene Groves, Eugene Walters and Kay Alter. These were accepted. On the Nominations for General Committees Ac Wischmeier moved nominations to be closed. Robert Nelson moved nomination of Prof. John Turner to Christian Nurture. This was refused. Robert Nelson moved nomination of Sam Woodke to the same. This was not voted upon. Tom Dahl moved to defer action. Seconded and approved.

Bill Staats moved that Lay Activities and Temporal Economy meet Thursday morning with the whole Annual Meeting acting as a committee of the whole. Seconded. David Fison made a substitute motion that the evening meeting be held as scheduled. Seconded and carried 20-15.

Meeting was adjourned.

In the evening, we shared in a service with Dr. Carothers speaking. Worship leaders included Carol Daly and Jim Fellers. "The Northern Journey," a modern jazz quartet, played an original contemporary jazz score.

### Thursday Morning, June 4, 1970

Love Feast was led by Max Cramer, John Tindell and Mona Cramer. This was considered a highlight of the annual meeting by those who participated.

Dr. Harry Komuro then addressed the annual meeting.

General Business session opened at 9:50 a.m.

Secretary John Shaffer reported on the election to the COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE AND COUNCIL. Ministerial Members elected were John Tindell, Robert Bowers, Ernest Jones and Leo C. Cramer. Lay members elected were William Searby and Bernadine Mutch. Another ballot was taken to elect three more members.

Secretary John Shaffer presented the report of the Wesleyan

Hospital. Gary Lueck spoke briefly about Wesleyan Hospital.

John Shaffer moved inclusion of institutional reports in the Journal. Carried.

John Shaffer moved inclusion of pastor's report in Journal. Failed with 16 yes and 17 no.

Bill Trudeau moved that pastor's reports be mimeographed to present to the Annual Meeting. Seconded and carried.

John Shaffer moved that the Superintendent write fitting historical addendum to his report. Thomas Dahl moved to amend motion by adding these words, "Recognizing that pastor's report contain important historical materials." Seconded and carried. Main motion then carried.

William Staats moved for reconsideration of motion to include pastor's report in journal which failed. Motion to reconsider carried. Paul Jenkins moved to amend that "Superintendent be permitted to edit." Amendment then withdrawn. Original motion then carried 26 yes and 12 no.

Ac Wischmeier moved that next year's pastor's reports not be included in toto and that other reports reflect this. Motion seconded and defeated.

William Trudeau moved that institutional reports be deleted. Seconded and defeated.

William Trudeau moved to amend the rules on page seven of the workbook, Section 4 regarding equal lay and clerical representation. referred to rules committee.

Thomas Dahl moved to suspend the rules. This was done and Trudeau's motion was back on the floor. It was then defeated.

Teller's report indicated that additional members (lay) of COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE AND COUNCIL would be William Staats, James Griffin and Paul Jenkins.

Nominating Report was presented by Ac Wischmeier for acceptance. Paul Jenkins moved that it be referred back to Nominating Committee for more study because of imbalance in representation. Motion defeated 17 yes and 18 no.

Howard DeVore moved to accept with these changes. Norma Nelson withdrew. Harry Casson to replace her on Christian Outreach.

Sam Woodke to replace Harry Casson on Christian Nurture. Tom Dahl replaced John Walther on Christian Outreach and Mary Daubersmith replaced Clara Mae Walther on Christian Social Responsibilities. Seconded and carried.

Jesse Lee Home Board nominations were accepted.

Ac Wischmeier moved that all nominations from other agencies are to be printed as received. Seconded and carried.

### Recess

Report from Lay Activities and Temporal Affairs with conference functioning as a committee of the whole.

Basic Salary Fund was reported back and accepted.

Minister's Wives Recommendations were received. Ministers and wives coming to Anchorage stay with minister's families in coming to Annual Meeting. Amendment by Paul Jenkins that all delegates to

Annual Meeting stay in private housing. Seconded and carried. Travel pool of \$25 from each minister's family for air fare for wives to attend annual meeting. Accepted and endorsed, but did not feel this was a proper motion for the Annual Meeting.

Budget of World Service and Finance. Motion made to adopt. Amendment to pull \$2000 from Jesse Lee and \$2000 from Alaska Methodist University. Money to be removed from its present category (Section c, C & D) and placed in self-support money. Seconded and carried. Amendment that \$3000 be transferred from Program Council to the self support funds. Seconded. Howard DeVore moved to amend the amendment by increasing the figure to \$5000 and discounting all Program Items 50%. Seconded. Motion to divide the question passed. Motion to table the total motion seconded and carried.

Leo Cramer — Lay Committee motion on table until later. Seconded and carried.

John Tindell moved to create the Ac Sparkplugs to promote Advance Specials for Alaska. Seconded and carried.

Moved to form a 5 man Ad Hoc Group to discuss financial picture. Named by the Bishop were Supt. Wischmeier, Wm. Staats, Fred McGinnis, Jean Stassel and Bill Searby.

#### Thursday Afternoon 2:00 p.m. — General Session

Report of the Christian Social Concerns was received and approved.

James Thompson presented the Committee on Appreciation report. This was accepted.

John Shaffer asked for suspension of the rules. This was granted and he presented this motion: "That a study be made by the Program Council on our philosophy of ministry as it relates to the concept of worker priests, lay speakers, indigenous leadership and related matters, with a report to be made at the next Annual Meeting." Seconded and carried.

Bishop Palmer shared some details about the Palmer Seminar to Africa and the Holy Land.

Ad Hoc Financial Review Committee presented its report by William Staats. Membership finally included William Staats, Eugene Walters, Leo C. Cramer, Jean Stassel, Ac Wischmeier and ex officio Dr. Harry Komuro.

Soldotna	8,800	Annual Meeting Housing	1,000
Douglas	4,800	First Church, Assoc. Parsonage	2,500
Ketchikan	7,960	Increase in Self-Support	4,000
Pastors Families	500	Decrease in Travel Support	2,500
Pastors School	1,000	Camp	1,000
AMU	2,000	Mission Office	1,000
Jesse Lee	2,000	Mission Staff Travel	1,000
Program Council	3,000	U.C.M.	2,000

TOTAL 45,060

John Tindell moved that the Superintendent encourage Advance

Special contributions from self-supporting churches to non-self supporting churches ministerial salary. Seconded and carried.

James Fellers moved to amend Financial report by cutting Program council only \$1000. Amendment withdrawn. Robert Bowers moved to amend by cutting Program Council only \$1500. Amendment failed. Thomas Dahl moved to amend by deleting \$3000 and substitute rent from Douglas parsonage. Point of order called by John J. Shaffer. Chair ruled we cannot take rent from Douglas and motion was ruled out of order. Motion of committee then accepted.

Thomas Dahl moved that the Annual Meeting request a ruling of the Judicial Council in regard to the ruling of Bishop Everett Palmer that those ministers on special appointment for work within the boundaries of Alaska Mission had the full privileges of membership in the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission. Seconded and carried.

Presentation of Certificates of Consecration of Missionaries were made by Bishop Palmer. Walter Hays also made presentations.

#### **Recess**

Ac Wischmeier nominated the Church Building and Locations Committee to be as printed in 1969 Journal, except divided Southeast and Western area. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Bill Searby for Program Council to make time-efficiency study in use of mission personnel. Seconded and carried.

John J. Shaffer moved that organization of General Committees take place as a committee as a whole, while members of the Committee only voting in their area.

#### **Christian Social Responsibility**

Bill Trudeau, Chairman; Lydia Hays, Vice Chairman; Natalie Brooks, Secretary; Robert Bowers, Work Area Christian Social Concerns; Carolann Walters, Work Area Health and Welfare Ministries.

#### **Christian Nurture**

James Griffin, Chairman; Gary Lueck, Vice-Chairman, Joanne Alter, Secretary; Danita Trudeau, Work Area Chairman Education; John Tindell, Work Area Chairman Worship.

#### **Lay Activities and Temporal Economy**

Leo C. Cramer, Chairman; Donald Bolton, Vice-Chairman; Sallie Long, Secretary; Bill Searby, Laity; Bill Staats, World Service and Finance; Eugene Groves, Pensions, Hospital Insurance, Basic Pastoral Support.

#### **Christian Outreach**

Thomas Dahl, Chairman; Donald Hartman, Vice-Chairman; Aleen Fison, Secretary; Betty DeVore, Missions; Charles Horner, Evangelism; Ruth Popejoy, Ecumenical Affairs.

Lay Leader — Bill Searby.

Motion by James Fellers ruled out of order and referred to Lay

convened the meeting as a committee of the whole to receive Christian Social Responsibility Reports. Motion on nerve gas was made. John Shaffer moved to amend by deleting the words "and the general public". Amendment carried 19 yes and 14 no. Move to table by Walter Hays defeated. Main motion then passed with one negative vote.

Motion on anti-discrimination legislation passed.

Motion on income maintenance by Thomas Dahl passed.

Motion on Program Council was referred to Nominations Committee.

Motion to extend the time for the purpose of Christian Social Concerns issues passed. Motion on Vietnam and Southeast Asia was presented. Motion to table did not carry. Chair broke a tie vote. Move to amend by deleting the words "and general public" defeated. Motion to table by John Shaffer was defeated. Substitute motion by John Shaffer to support the intent of the Hatfield-McGovern Bill was made, seconded. Amendment to include communication to churches was made and seconded and carried. Motion carried.

Motion to extend the time by Howard DeVore carried. Motion to reconsider earlier action on nerve gas was made, seconded and carried. Motion to add the words "to the Press" was made, seconded and carried 21 to 11. Main motion then carried.

David Fison made a motion to request MY Fund support to continue for our Program Director. Seconded and carried.

David Fison made a motion to sell property if MY Fund is cut. Seconded and carried. 17-10.

### Evening

Ordination of William Trudeau, Commissioning of: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lueck, Election of Program Council for 1971. Activities and Temporal Affairs committee. He moved "that no pastor of the Alaska Mission shall accept more than the Basic Salary recommended by the National Division of the Board of Missions."

Ac Wischmeier was assigned to the chair by Bishop Palmer. He



Ordination of William Trudeau



**Commissioning Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lueck**

## **RULES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**

### **I. Disciplinary Provisions 1968**

Paragraph 658:

A Mission shall meet annually at the time and place appointed by the bishop in charge, who shall preside. In the absence of the bishop, the Superintendent of the Mission shall preside. The presiding officer shall bring forward the regular business of the meeting, and arrange the work. For rules governing the administration of the Missions in the home field see Paragraph 652-53, 1336.

Paragraph 652:

Each Provisional Annual Conference or Mission at its annual session shall appoint a standing committee whose duty it shall be, with the concurrence of the president of the conference, to make an estimate of the amount necessary for the support of each pastoral charge, either in full or supplementary to the amount raised by the charge. Such estimate shall be subject to modification of the Board of Missions immediately concerned.

Paragraph 653:

A charge within a Provisional Annual Conference or Mission may receive aid from the Board of Missions without having been designated by the conference at its meeting.

Paragraph 1336:

1. In home fields outside of an Annual Conference, or among racial groups, work under the care of the Board of Missions not having met the requirements for the organization of a Provisional Annual Conference shall be administered as a MISSION.

2. The Mission shall meet annually and shall be composed of all

regularly appointed missionaries, both lay and clerical, mission traveling preachers, and other lay members. The number of lay members and method of their appointment shall be determined by the Mission.

3. The bishop in charge of a Mission may appoint a superintendent of the Mission or as many superintendents of the Mission as may be wise and for whom support has been provided. He shall determine the groups or charges over which respective superintendents shall have supervision.

4. A bishop, or in his absence one of the superintendents chosen by ballot by the Mission, shall preside at the annual meeting. This mission shall exercise in a general way, the functions of a District Conference. It shall have power to license persons to preach, to pass on the character of preachers not members of an Annual Conference, to receive on trial mission traveling preachers, and to recommend to an Annual Conference proper persons for deacon's orders. The presiding officer shall, at the annual meeting, assign the missionaries and mission traveling preachers to the several charges for the ensuing year; provided that no missionary shall be transferred to or from the Mission without previous consultation with the National Division.

5. Examination of lay pastors and traveling preachers shall be held by the Mission and certified to an Annual Conference. The Mission shall also make recommendations for reception on trial in an Annual Conference.

## II Rules

### A. Organization

1. Convening: The Annual Meeting shall meet on the date set by the Bishop as provided in the Discipline. (Par. 658) The program committee shall consist of the bishop of the area, the superintendent of the Mission, the secretary of the Mission, the lay leader and associate lay leader of the Mission, and the pastor and lay leader of the local church. In the event that AMU is host, the president or his representative shall be added to the committee, together with such pastors as the superintendent may appoint.

2. Membership: Voting members of the Annual Meeting shall be those indicated in Paragraph 1336.2 of the Discipline as that section is clarified time to time by the presiding officer upon request of the Meeting.

Lay Membership: Sec. 1. The Charge Conference of each charge of the Mission shall elect a lay member and one or more alternate members to the Annual Meeting quadrennially at the charge Conference prior to the first Annual Meeting following the General Conference session. Each pastoral charge served by more than one minister in full connection shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are effective full-time ministers in full connection. The lay member or members thus elected shall serve beginning with the next session of the Annual Meeting following election.

Sec. 2. In case of the inability of a lay member or alternate lay member(s) to attend the Annual Meeting sessions for any reason, the Charge Conference may elect a lay member to fill the vacancy on either a permanent or temporary basis.

Sec. 3. Any layman not a member of the Annual Meeting who is an officer of the Annual Meeting or one of its agencies, boards, commissions, committees, task force, or societies, shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor, without vote on matters relating to the report of the said agency, board, commission, committee, task force, or society.

Sec. 4. In order to achieve equal lay and clerical representation at the Annual Meeting the Bishop and Mission Superintendent shall appoint a committee each year to select lay representation to equal clerical.

3. Officers: Annual Meeting Officers: Sec. I. At the last Annual Meeting preceding the General Conference, an Annual Meeting Secretary and Statistician shall be elected to serve for the succeeding quadrennium. They shall be nominated by the nominating committee. The Secretary and Statistician shall nominate their assistants annually or, appoint them ad interim for confirmation by the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. The Annual Meeting Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially at the session of the Annual Meeting following General Conference upon nomination of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

4. Membership and Tenure of General Committees and Standing Committees that function throughout the year representing the following broad concerns:

#### **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Christian Social Concerns, Health and Welfare Ministries.

#### **CHRISTIAN NURTURE**

Education, Worship, Vocations, Trafco, Historical Society, Publication interests, Ministerial Training, Camping, Higher Education and Campus Ministry.

#### **LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

Lay Activities, Pensions, Hospital and Medical Insurance, Basic Pastoral Support.

#### **CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

Missions, Membership, Evangelism, Ecumenical Affairs, and Interpretation.

There shall be the following standing committees:

World Service and Finance, Committee on Reference and Council, Church Location and Building, Annual Meeting Program.

Sec. 2. All general committees and standing committees of the Mission shall have quadrennial status and their membership shall be nominated by the Mission nominating committee at the first session of the Annual Meeting following the General Conference, except as otherwise indicated in the Discipline.

Sec. 3. All General Committees and standing committees shall have plenary power in the interim between sessions of the Annual Meeting but their actions shall be reported to the Annual Meeting for confirmation.

Sec. 4. No person shall serve on any one general committee or standing committee of the Mission whose members are elected by the

Annual Meeting more than four consecutive years with the following exceptions and provisions:

a. One or two years service to fill a vacancy on a quadrennial general committee or standing committee shall not count for the purpose of this rule.

b. In the case of a committee elected in three years or other terms classes the maximum period of consecutive service shall be two terms, with the provision that a one-year appointment to fill a vacancy prior to the first term shall not count to the purpose of this rule.

c. Persons who are members of a general committee or standing committee ex-officio shall not be affected by this rule.

Sec. 5. Each general committee or standing committee shall organize, with chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. Where feasible both ministers and laymen shall be represented among the officers. Unless otherwise provided the first named shall be the convenor. The chairman and vice-chairman and secretary of each shall be indicated in the Annual Mission Journal.

Sec. 6. (a) There shall be four Legislative sections of the Annual Meeting: Christian Social Responsibilities, Christian Nurture, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, and Christian Outreach.

(b) The standing division of responsibility for reference to the Legislative sections is as follows:

#### **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Christian Social Concerns, Health and Welfare Ministries.

#### **CHRISTIAN NURTURE**

Education worship, Vocations, Trafco, Historical Society, Publication Interests, Ministerial Training, Camping, Higher Education and Campus Ministry.

#### **LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

Lay Activities, Pensions, Hospital and Medical Insurance, Basic Pastoral Support, World Service and Finance.

#### **CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

Missions, Deaconess work, Women's Society of Christian Service, Memberships and Evangelism, Ecumenical Affairs, Interpretation, Church Location and Building. The World Service and Conference Benevolence budget shall be reviewed by the legislative committees on Christian Outreach prior to its consideration by the legislative committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

(c) The legislative sections shall be constituted as follows: The Program Director of the Mission shall at least six weeks before the Annual Meeting, provide all ministerial and lay members with a prepared, stamp-for-return ballot on which he may designate his first, second choice for Group A and B of the Legislative sections on which he desires to serve. Lay member vacancy shall automatically be filled by the next alternate lay member from the same charge. The Mission Superintendent with these ballots in hand shall make the annual assignments to the legislative sections, reporting same in mimeographed form at the opening Annual Meeting session. All voting members shall receive assignments. Missionary pastors wives, Deaconesses, and pastors from ecumenical churches where United Methodism participates

may serve on legislative sections but without vote. Assignment shall be made annually and the membership on the legislative sections shall be limited to four consecutive years.

Each Legislative section shall elect its own chairman and secretary for the succeeding session of the Annual Meeting; provided, that said officers shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. Each legislative section shall select sub-committee chairman as needed, and form sub-committees by whatever method it chooses. The legislative sections shall be convened at the Annual Meeting by their chairman; provided, however, that in the event the chairman is unable, for any reason, to function, the Mission Superintendent or a person appointed by him shall act as convenor for the purpose of electing a new chairman who may not be the Mission Superintendent.

(d) The Chairman of the Legislative section or others designated by them may present their report as they are readied. The report of any Legislative section shall not exceed one hour in length until each Legislative section has reported and only then shall additional time become available for reports of a Legislative Committee.

(e) Legislative sections which have not completed their work in the time allotted to them in the Annual Mission program may call such additional sub-committee or full committee meetings as necessary when not in conflict with the business session of the Annual Meeting to handle matters of reference arising in Annual Meeting sessions after the regular scheduled Legislative Section meetings have been completed, the executive committee of each Legislative section consisting of the Chairman, secretary and sub-section chairman, is empowered to act for the whole section.

(f) A special standing committee known as the Committee on Reference and Council shall be nominated and elected from the floor at the last session of the Annual Meeting preceding the General Conference to serve for the succeeding quadrennium to act on the rules, journal, appreciation, audit and nominating committee. It shall consist of five laymen and four ministers one of which shall be the Mission Superintendent. When it is acting in the capacity of the Nominating Committee the Mission Superintendent is the chairman but at all other times its elected chairman presides.

(g) The reports and work of the following Mission groups are not reported through the Legislative sections: Committee on Reference and Council, Annual Meeting Program, Program Council ,General Conference Petitions, and special committees.

(h) The duties of the Legislative sections shall be as follows: To receive all resolutions, recommendations, and proposals for Annual Meeting pronouncements, promotional programs and methods of procedure, affecting the Mission and the promotional groups from any and all commissions, boards, and committees, institutions and members; to hear and consider all such matters; to formulate reports on some and present them to the Annual Meeting. Only matters before the Legislative sections may be reported to the Annual Meeting; however, this is not to preclude minority reports on any recommendations. The Annual Meeting is empowered to assign recommendations to the appropriate Legislative section, and to withdraw and reassign said recommendations at any time before a report on said recommen-

dation is brought in. The Legislative sections are empowered to initiate resolutions falling within the general scope of their field.

(i) No person can serve on more than two of the four General Commissions.

(j) Membership on the General Committee shall be:

Christian Social Responsibilities	10	Lay	6	Clergy
Christian Nurture	20	Lay	8	Clergy
Lay Activities and Temporal Economy	8	Lay	4	Clergy
Christian Outreach	12	Lay	6	Clergy

(k) Membership on the standing committees shall be:

World Service and Finance	6	Lay	5	Clergy
Committee on Reference and Council	5	Lay	4	Clergy
Church Location and Building				

South and East Section	3	Lay	3	Clergy
North and Central Section	3	Lay	3	Clergy

(l) Delegates of the Alaska Mission to the Alaska Council of Churches who serve by virtue of their office shall serve during their effective appointment or quadrennial term. All other delegates shall serve for a quadrennial term, nominated by the first session of the Annual Meeting following the General Conference. The number of delegates are determined by the Alaska Council formula.

(m) The Annual Meeting shall elect such other commissions, committees, and task forces as necessary to carry out its work.

(n) Members of the Annual Meeting shall serve as elected members of not more than four general committees or standing committees concurrently. This does not include the Legislative Committees.

## B. Procedures

1. When a member desires to present any business, or speak to any question, he shall rise and address the presiding officer, and when recognized, he may proceed, restricting his remarks to the subject before the meeting.

2. The hours of convening and adjourning the sessions of the Meeting shall be fixed by the Program Committee. The printed program shall be presented for adoption as the order of the meeting, at the time of the organization of the meeting.

3. When absence from the various business sessions is necessary, permission from the presiding officer shall be secured.

4. Offerings at the Communion Service and for conference expenses are approved. Other offerings shall have prior approval by the Annual Meeting.

5. Ordained Methodist ministers, other than those covered under Section A, Paragraph 2 of these rules, serving in Alaska under appointment, deaconesses, and lay missionaries serving under special appointment by the Board of Missions shall be seated at the Annual Meeting and given the privileges of the floor without vote.

Visitors may be given the privilege of the floor without vote by the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting.

6. The pastors shall submit the statistical report and the financial report respectively to the statistician and the treasurer as requested by these officers.

Sec. 1. The fiscal year in the Mission shall be the calendar year

beginning with January 1, and closing on December 31. The Mission Treasured shall close the financial records of the Mission as of December 31, and all remittances must be received in the Mission office by that date in order to receive credit for the fiscal year.

Sec. 2. The June salary shall be paid to the minister by the local church to which he is appointed in the Alaska Mission at the session of the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 3. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the local church and the appointing authorities, the salary of a pastor transferred between Annual Meeting sessions shall begin when the pastor takes over his responsibilities of that church.

Sec. 4. All requests for Mission apportionments upon the charges or the pastors for Mission wide appeals for financial support for special causes shall first have to be referred to the Commission on World Service and Finance, and no apportionments shall be made until the Commission shall have made its report. If the report is negative, a two-thirds majority vote of the Annual Meeting shall be required to reverse the recommendation of the Commission.

7. (Sec. 1. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern on all questions of procedure when the rules adopted by the Annual Meeting or the United Methodist Discipline do not apply.

Sec. 2. All proposals designated as permanent regulations of the Annual Meeting shall be first submitted to the Rules Committee, whose duty it shall be to consider the proposal and then make a report on it with recommendations to the Annual Meeting. In order to change an Annual Meeting Rule, or to provide for a new Annual Meeting Rule, the Annual Meeting must vote change specifically, by Rule and section number.

Sec. 3. New, revised, amended, or rescinded Rules may originate as follows: by recommendations from any Legislative Committee, General Commission, board, or committee which does not report through the Legislative Committees; from the Mission Superintendent; or over the signature of three members of the Annual Meeting. Individual members may submit proposals to the Rules Committee for consideration, but in such case the committee is not bound to report the proposed change on the floor of the Annual Meeting.

8. All business of the Meeting not brought forward by the presiding officer may be introduced by a motion from the floor.

9. Reports that are to be printed in the Pre-Annual Work Book of the Alaska Mission shall be submitted to the Mission office by April 15, preceding the Annual Meeting.

### C. Resolutions and Motions

1. All resolutions and motions introduced by a member shall be in written form and submitted to the secretary on request. Any resolution or motion so introduced may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amended or adopted.

The name of person presenting a resolution or motion which is adopted shall be recorded in the Minutes.

2. No one may speak more than once on any question before the Meeting until everyone who desires to speak shall have spoken. Where persons of opposing views wish the floor, the presiding officer

shall alternate recognizing the proponents and opponents of the motion in question.

3. When any motion is laid on the table, it may be taken therefrom by a majority vote of the Meeting and may be made the order of the day for any session or hour thereafter.

4. All motions, except those of privilege, originating on the floor be referred to the appropriate Legislative committee for study and report, unless consideration of same is passed by two-thirds vote of members present.

#### **D. Journal**

1. The record of daily proceedings of the Annual Meeting as signed by the presiding officer and the secretary and printed in the official Journal shall be considered the official minutes.

2. All narrative material to be published in the Official Journal shall be submitted in quadruplicate to the secretary not later than midnight of the day of adjournment of the Annual Meeting. Material submitted later may be omitted from the Journal unless arrangements are made with the secretary to receive late material.

#### **E. Amendments**

The rules of the Annual meeting may be amended or suspended on the first day of the Annual Meeting by a majority vote. At all other times amendment or suspension of rules shall require a two-thirds vote.

#### **F. Program Council**

Sec. 1. The purpose of the Program Council shall be:

(a) to receive program recommendations from the local churches, the Mission, the Jurisdictional and General Program Councils;

(b) To develop these recommendations into a coordinated program to be recommended to the Annual Meeting for consideration, amendment, and adoption as the Mission program; and

(c) to provide implementation for an administration of the co-ordinated program as adopted by the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. The voting membership shall consist of ten persons made up as follows: the Mission President of Women's Society of Christian Service, the Mission Lay Leader, one youth, the chairmen of the four General Commissions, and three members at large to insure at least two women and near equal representation of the laity and clergy as possible. Ex-officio the Bishop, the Mission Superintendent, Chairman of World Service and Finance, and Program Director, the latter two without vote. The Mission Superintendent shall be chairman.

Sec. 3. The officers shall be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and program director. These officers plus one other person chosen at large constitutes the executive committee.

Sec. 4. The Program Council shall meet at the Annual Meeting, at Pastor's School, and one other meeting during the year if funds permit.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Where the rules call for the commissions, committees, etc. to be elected quadrennially those members elected at the 1970 Annual Meeting will serve for the remaining two years of the quadrennium, and any member so elected would be eligible for re-election.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDY AND ACTION**

### **1971 Coordinated Program of the Program Council**

- 1. Purpose.** The purpose of the Program Council shall be:
  - a. to receive program recommendations from the local churches, the district agencies, the Annual Conference agencies, and the jurisdictional and General Program Councils;
  - b. to develop these recommendations into a coordinated program to be recommended to the Annual Conference for consideration, amendment, and adoption as the Annual Conference program; and
  - c. to provide implementation for and the administration of the coordinated program as adopted by the conference.

The mission of the AMUMC is ministry to all people, individually and corporately, and to structures, in situations, and systems which effect them.

Program as defined by the Conference Council is: The expenditure of money, time and effort by Boards, Committees, local churches, staff, superintendents, etc., for implementation of goals or positions adopted by the Annual Conference.

Ministry is defined in the following manner — The purpose of the Church can be found in Jesus' final statement to His disciples. Matt. 28:19-20, "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

The Program Council of the Alaska Mission has met for two weekend meetings of the full council (eleven members) and in three occasions as an executive committee (five members). The work of the several boards and committees has been reviewed, priorities considered in light of the total ministry of the mission and recommendations of budget needs made to World Service and Finance. At the end of a year we are beginning to appreciate fully the value of this elected body that can minister and implement the program goals adopted by the Annual Meeting.

## **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Christian Social Concerns**

1. The Mission will encourage each church in the Mission to conduct its own in-depth study of the whole basis of Christian Social Concern. For too long we have made statements without knowing why, relied upon vague references to Christian love and brotherhood as reasons for Christian Social Concern and Action; and relied upon preachers, executives and other "experts" to give us guidance in Christian Social Concerns. It is time that each Christian thought for himself and reasoned his own position from true knowledge and understanding. Such indepth study should include

- a) The Biblical basis for social concern.

- b) Social Concern in the history of the church.
- c) Contemporary Christian theology and ethics.
- d) Contemporary forms of expression and action in field of Christian Social Concern.

2. In order to focus the study in paragraph one for concrete action;

a) The Mission will encourage and assist each local church or each group of churches within a particular geographical area to study its own community in depth, probing for human need and the resources to meet it, and discovering ways in which the church may witness more effectively.

b) The Mission will encourage and assist the local church to become aware of Alaskan, National, and International social issues in order that they may understand the context in which they live and act and more effectively witness in the larger world around them.

c) The Missions will encourage these aforementioned studies to be as comprehensive and broad as possible. Where possible United Methodist Churches should work with other denominations and groups ecumenically. Where possible local resource persons should be used on a consultative basis.

d) The work area chairman in Christian Social Concerns shall appoint consultants in particular social concerns areas to make available to local churches information in those areas of concern. The list of consultants shall be made available to the chairmen of Christian Social Concerns in the local churches.

#### **Additional Recommendations Related to Specific Concerns**

1. The Mission encourages the endorsement of responsible programs of environmental conservation and urges our church and its related institutions to participate in WHATEVER WAYS possible in programs of ecological education and positive programs of environmental reclamation.

2. The Mission encourages the participation of local churches in local Councils on Alcoholism and in the Work of the Alcoholics Anonymous. This listing is not intended to indicate priority.

3. The Mission will encourage the participation of local churches in positive programs of drug education. Especially the Board commends to the local churches the Help Dan of PTA Program for 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

4. The Mission encourages family life education and would ask the churches to examine local public school programs of family life education. Where these are found to be lacking the Board would urge the local churches to do remedial work with their young people in the way of extra family life education classes sponsored by the church.

5. The Mission will encourage and support mental health associations and chapters in their work to provide better mental health facilities for Alaskan Communities.

6. The Mission will encourage the churches and individuals of this Mission to assume a more international outlook. Particularly in Alaska, as we rest on the Pacific Rim, we need to look to other nations of the rim and exchange with them. We must share our

wealth, our technology, our educational achievements, and ourselves with others if we are ever to be able to live in anything but fear and self-concern.

7. The Mission will encourage our nation to withdraw from its entanglements in Southeast Asia. These entanglements are only serving to waste our men, money, and material while devastating and destroying the life and property of those we seek to save.

8. The Mission will continue to work against the Safeguard ABM system because it is an unprovable, wasteful system which will only accent the arms race.

9. The Mission is absolutely opposed to production or use of chemical or biological weapons of war and urges that present stockpiles be destroyed. Furthermore, we recommend that any research conducted should be limited strictly to the direct effect of such weapons upon the general population.

10. The Mission, in the interest of furthering knowledge about and appreciation of the work of the United Nations will encourage the development of a mock United Nations for high school youth by working with local school districts sometime during this academic year 1970-71. We will also support the UNICEF program and other programs of the United Nations.

11. The Mission will encourage the United Methodists and their churches to encourage the development of studies of Alaska's Native groups, their history, customs, and current status by working with school districts. Such study should involve dialogue with native groups present in the community.

12. The Mission recommends that United Methodist people enroll for black studies courses if they are offered in local schools and universities. If they are not the Mission urges the churches to offer such courses to their people and the community.

13. The Mission recommends to United Methodist Families of Alaska the possibility of adopting unwanted children or of taking foster children into their family circle.

14. The Mission will conduct studies of the COCAHNIA Document in each of the local churches or areas of the State, so that we may come closer to implementation.

The Mission will again provide legislative newsletters for interested persons. The mailing list of the legislative newsletter may not be used by organizations other than the Council of Churches.

16. The Mission supports the concept of **Zero Population Growth** and recommends that each church in the Alaska Mission promote the prevention of over population.

17. We recommend that each church in the Alaska Mission be particularly sensitive to the needs of the great number of transient persons who enter our state; we urge each church to explore the varied possibilities for ministry to these persons, especially those who find themselves lacking essential food, clothing, and shelter.

18. In recognition of the United Methodist position against the use of chemical and biological weaponry (as stated in the Social Creed and Book of Resolutions - 1968) be it resolved that the A.M.U.M.C. commend Governor Miller and Senator Gravel for their statements against the storage of these weapons in Alaska, and further be it

resolved that the A.M.U.M.C. give strong endorsement to the bill introduced by Senator Gravel, Magnuson, and Packwood that would require the detoxification or destruction of all the nerve gas that the U.S. has stored in Okinawa and urge the U.S. to ratify the Geneva Accords of 1925 prohibiting the wartime use of poison gas and communicate this position to our legislators, our churches, and to the press.

19. Since the Alaska Mission has made its position known regarding the wide range discrimination that exists in our society because of one's race, creed, or national origin and especially as it exists in clubs, social and fraternal organizations, be it resolved that the A.M.U.M.C. commend State Representative Wendell Kay for his forthright effort to end this discrimination by the introduction of HB 591, that would not have granted liquor license renewal to organizations that practice such discrimination in Alaska.

20. The Mission urges the speedy adoption by the Congress of adequate income maintenance legislation, encourages the support of such legislation by Alaskan Methodists, and directs appropriate correspondence from this Annual Meeting to Alaska's congressional delegation urging its support.

21. The Annual Meeting supports the intent of the Hatfield-McGovern bill and will communicate this position to our legislators, our churches and the general public.

**THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES —**  
makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Alaska Mission express its deep appreciation to Richard Gilbert and Phyllis Eileen Davis for their primary roles as the designer and author-editor of the "COCAHNIA" project and report.

2. That local churches be encouraged to study in depth (via community survey suggested by the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries Manual pp. 12-15) the health and welfare facilities within specific population areas such as Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, etc.), including those sponsored by other private and public agencies. Results of such surveys should be shared with guide lines for action.

3. That local churches be encouraged to work in coalition with other community groups to develop a directory (and core of volunteers perhaps like FISH) to refer persons to:

- a) job training opportunities
- b) employment opportunities and job placement
- c) medical and health care centers
- d) agencies and organizations offering social services such as family and children services, public welfare and other programs sponsored by federal and state governments
- e) services for aging, retarded children, and other disadvantaged groups

(The conference board will serve as a clearing house to share copies of such directories, other related materials and evaluation reports.)

4. That during the remainder of this quadrennium the Mission promote an active state wide interest in the development of the Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center in Nome. Alaskan Metho-

dists should be keenly aware that the emphasis of the center will be working in the areas of community education and involvement for the pressing social problems of alcoholism and juvenile problems and that the LWY Center has been designated and funded as a national fund for Reconciliation project. (Project Golden Opportunity, \$60,000)

5. That a primary emphasis of the board will be to inform local churches about Methodist projects in Alaska via traveling exhibits, brochures, and/or informative letters.

6. That the Chairman of Board of Health and Welfare Ministries attend the National Health and Welfare Conference of the UMC in 1971 to gather new ideas and information, to benefit Methodist work in the Alaska Mission.

7. That the Alaska Mission through the Program Council appoint a task force to work with staff members of the Jesse Lee Home to begin the study of and planning for a rural child and family welfare service probably to serve the communities on the Chain. This service would attempt to speak to the child and family welfare problems of the rural-native town and village. A sub rosa purpose of this service could be to help rural communities organize and learn to identify and meet their own needs.

8. That the Alaska Mission resolve to make the reading and implementation of suggestions from the COCAHNIA Report in local churches for local church projects. A priority project for this Conference year. (A study of the report and the suggested action models might make the local church to provide:

- a) day-care centers where needed
- b) Homemaker Services
- c) Care for aging
- d) Adequate housing

9. The Alaska Mission should adopt as a priority short range (two years) goal. The development of the professional advocacy agency that was the number one recommendation of the Consultation on the Church and Human Need and to that end work in close cooperation with other denominations, national mission boards, private agencies and/or foundations to establish this needed specialized ministry.

## **CHRISTIAN NURTURE EDUCATION**

1. We recommend that a major training effort be made in the areas of adult ministry. An extremely capable leadership team from the division of the local church has been engaged for a ten day enterprise that would include two weekend retreats for middle adults (Anchorage and Juneau) that held key local church leadership positions and are responsible for adult ministries and a week long laboratory enterprise for senior high youth and adult leaders in the informal group setting for youth ministry. (Tentative dates have been set for November 13-23).

2. We recommend that the area of family life education be a

major emphasis for the 1971 conference year. In support of the emphasis we urge that each church in the Alaska Mission encourage its families to participate in a "Family Camp" experience through the regional camping program available to them.

3. We recommend that we accept the invitation of the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education to field a team of two or three persons to participate in a "Regional Conference on Local Church Youth Ministries" (September 28 - October 2, 1970, Kansas City) that will enable the team to develop a variety of designs to help local churches with their needs in youth ministry.

(Note: Cost of the Conference will be paid by the Division of Curriculum Resources; we will provide funds for the team's travel in Alaska during 1971)

4. We recommend that we accept the invitation of the United Presbyterian Church to participate in a series of "Workshops on Creative Teaching" to be held in several Southeastern communities October 5 - 16, 1970, under the leadership of James Simpson, Master Teacher now in special assignment with Synod of Washington-Alaska.

5. We recommend that the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church recognize and applaud Mrs. Carrie McClain for her devoted efforts to preserve and publish the illustrious history of Nome, her Northwest Alaska home for almost three-quarters of a century.

6. We recommend that we continue to explore an ecumenical ministry to Alaska Methodist University and Anchorage Community College upon the recommendations of the existing study committee.

7. We recommend that materials used in creative worship by churches throughout the Alaska Mission be compiled and made available for the use of all who might be interested.

8. We recommend that an annotated bibliography of contemporary worship resources be compiled and made available to all who might be interested.

9. We recommend that the churches of the western and central regions of the Alaska Mission follow the fine example of the Southeast Alaska Convocation for Senior High Youth by establishing similar programs in their respective regions.

10. We recommend that there be initiated a program of Teacher Training that will take place automatically during each year and which will be able to reach the teachers of every local church.

11. We recommend that stronger support be given in terms of participation and leadership to the Central Alaska Camping program as well as our rather limited financial aid and that the Education Work Areas send representatives to their Camp Committee.

12. We recommend that the Alaska Mission makes overture to member denominations of the Alaska Council of Churches and other cooperating bodies to form a joint Audio-Visual Library and to that end pledge the resources of our existing AV Library.

13. We recommend that the Alaska Methodist University be recognized often in our churches with special attention given to AMU Sunday (recommended for January) when an offering should be taken or budgeted for AMU.

14. We recommend that the local church calendars should include the following special observances:

January — AMU Month  
May 2-9, 1971 — National Family Week  
June 13, 1971 — United Methodist Student Day (special offering)  
September 26, 1971 — Christian Education Sunday (special offering)

December 26 — (the last Sunday) Student Recognition Day

15. We feel that it is important that Alaska see itself not only as a place in need of mission, but also as being capable of being in mission to others as well. Therefore we recommend that the Alaska Mission sponsor (or co-sponsor with other cooperating denominations) a summer service opportunity for Alaskan senior high youth at least by the summer of 1971.

## **COMMISSION ON WORSHIP**

We recommend that the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church take primary responsibility in enabling a workshop to be held in several Alaska Communities during the 1970-71 school year by working with other cooperating denominations and such agencies as the Alaska Council of Churches to bring a recognized resource person in the field to the state for a series of presentations and discussion on the issue. (Dr. Roger Ortmayer of the Department of Church and Culture of the National Council of Churches was suggested as the type of resource person needed or as a person who could give guidance to the project.)

## **LAY ACTIVITIES & TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

### **BASIC SALARY STRUCTURE**

The Alaska Mission Salary Structure Committee was appointed by the Mission Superintendent, Rev. Ac Wischmeier, as a study committee advisory to the Alaska Mission Minimum Salary Committee and the National Division of The Board of Missions. The committee included Robert Bowers, Leo Cramer, Howard DeVore, Eugene Groves, Gary Lueck, Eugene Walters and Ac Wischmeier.

The Alaska Mission recommends that the following be the salary structure for the Alaska Mission beginning January 1, 1971:

1. That the base salary in the Alaska Mission be \$7,150.00.
2. That the cost of living in the several appointments as compared to Anchorage be adjusted on the following basis:

Anchorage .....	base	Kenai .....	4% above base
Chugiak .....	base	Ketchikan .....	base
Douglas .....	base	Nome .....	16% above base
Fairbanks .....	8% above base	Seward .....	4% above base
Homer .....	4% above base	Sitka .....	4% above base
Juneau .....	base		

3. That recognition of service "in full connection" prior to appointment in Alaska be granted at the rate of \$100 per year with a maximum of five years or \$500 applicable.

4. That recognition of service in Alaska be granted at the rate

of \$100 per year with a maximum of fifteen years or \$1500 applicable.

5. Provided that a minister who has served less than five years prior to coming to Alaska may be granted a maximum of twenty years or \$2000 applicable.

6. That recognition of the increasing cost of living be granted beginning in January 1972 at the rate of 2.75% per annum, calculated on the base salary and to remain in effect until revoked by the action of the Alaska Mission and National Division.

Comment: In self-supporting churches of the Alaska Mission, the new structure would not affect significantly the present figures since most pastors in self-supporting churches are now receiving salaries at or above the proposed structure above. In churches assisted by funds of the National Division the new structure would increase salaries from \$11 to \$700 and it is understood that such increases, for the most part must come from the Alaska Churches rather than increased mission support. In a survey of Alaska Pastors almost all indicated they felt their local church could assume this increase. Assuming all pastors were to be appointed to the same church, the comparison with the present structure projected to 1971 would appear as follows:

PASTOR	CHURCH	STRUCTURE	NEW	PROJECTED SALARY		
				EXISTING	LOSS	GAIN
Bowers	Kenai	\$8,336.00	\$8,525.00	\$189		
M. Cramer	East Anc.	8,150.00	8,050.00			\$100.
L. Cramer	Anchor P.	8,450.00	8,450.00			same*
DeVore	St. John	8,550.00	7,850.00			700.
Fellers	N. Kenai	7,636.00	7,625.00			11.
Fison	Fairbanks	9,222.00	9,181.00			42.*
Groves	Chugiak	8,050.00	7,650.00			400.
Hartman	First Anc	8,050.00	8,250.00		200.*	
Hays	Anc PD	7,950.00	8,050.00		100.	
Jones	Turnagain	8,350.00	8,300.00			50.*
Lueck	Nome	9,594.00	9,500.00			94.
Lueck	Seward	7,936.00	7,625.00			311.
Shaffer	Juneau	8,050.00	7,450.00			600.*
Tindell	Sitka	8,236.00	7,850.00			386.
Thomson	Homer	8,436.00	8,325.00			111.
Trudeau	Douglas	7,450.00	7,450.00			same
Walters	First Anc	8,350.00	10,007.00			*
Walther	Soldotna	8,236.00	8,125.00			111.
Horner	Ketchikan	8,350.00	8,300.00			50.*

\*Indicates self-supporting churches

Howard DeVore, Chairman

### **HOSPITAL INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

We recommend that we remain in the present program of Hospital Insurance.

We recommend that the Annual Meeting authorize the inclusion of full-time (30 hours or more per week) lay employees of local churches in the plan on the same basis that ministers are included

— the church pay half of the monthly fee and the employee pay half and that the effective date of the group initial enrollment be July 1, 1970, provided the employee and church in question meet the requirements of the insurance program.

## **BOARD OF LAITY**

The following resolutions are offered as guidelines for the improvement of the ministry of the laity in the United Methodist Churches of Alaska.

Be it resolved:

1. That each local church provide at least one opportunity for the membership to hear the report of the lay delegate to the Annual Meeting. (To this end the Board will provide Audio Visual resources, fact sheets, and other materials to each lay delegate.)

2. That the leadership of each local church will give primary emphasis to the enabling of the new structure of United Methodist Church during the coming conference year with special emphasis on the regular meeting and decision making function of the Council On Ministries.

3. That the major program thrust of the Board of Lay Activities for the coming year be the introduction of the "time and talent" stewardship emphasis developed by the General Board of the Laity. (The Board will take into full consideration the recommendations made by Dwight Newberg on the basis of his recent visit and in cooperation with the Program Council strive to make this a conducted emphasis for all churches in the Mission).

## **BOARD OF PENSIONS**

Murray A. Simpson, Chairman

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To the General Board of Pensions and the Division of National Missions that all ministers entering the Alaska Mission during the coming year, 1970-1971, be included in the Ministers Reserve Fund.

2. We recommend that the personal contributions made by each minister to the Minister's Reserve Pension Fund;

a) Be on the basis of 3% of the Average Salary of the Annual Conference in which he holds membership, and

b) Beginning with all such personal contributions made on and after July 1, 1970 to his Income Annuity Account, together with all interest credited thereon, shall be available at the time of his retirement, or to his beneficiary should death precede retirement, as either additional annuity above the effective pension rate or as a lump-sum refund in lieu of additional annuity.

3. That the Death Benefit Program provision of the Board of Pensions be again applied to the Alaska Pension Program at an annual cost of \$75.00 per member.

4. That should any surplus develop after payment of MPRF, Death Benefit Program, and Clearinghouse, such surplus shall be deposited to the Stabilization Fund of the Pension account of the Alaska Mission.

5. That amounts available through the Board of Pensions Chartered Fund and the distribution from the Methodist Publishing House be used for current budget purposes and excesses deposited to the Stabilization Fund.

The General Board of Pensions figures our pension and death benefit program needs \$6,799.13 based on 20 members for the year 1970-1971.

1. MRPF — Average Salary \$5,000.00.

20 members — Each \$500.00 — \$10,000.00

Alaska Mission Share:

1/3 of Reg. Contrib. of first \$3,500.	\$2,333.33
1/2 of Reg. Con. in excess of \$3,500	1,500.00

\$3,833.33

2. Amount to be paid Claimants of

Alaska Mission — \$1,379.14

Paid for 1970 — each \$35.00 rate — \$2,525.88

Additional \$15.00 rate — \$1,247.68

Due from Alaska Mission:

1/3 of \$35.00 rate	841.96
1/2 of \$15.00 rate	623.84

1,465.80

3. Death Benefit Program

20 members — each \$75.00

1,500.000

GRAND TOTAL OWED FROM ALASKA MISSION

\$6,799.13

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be sent to Murray Simpson for his faithful work as chairman of the Board of Pensions.

## COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

William Staats, Chairman

### A. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We remind and require "all agencies receiving financial support from conference benevolences or from any other authorized conference-wide appeal shall make audited reports to the commission concerning all receipts and the disbursements thereof in such detail and at such times as the commission may direct." (Pg. 900, Book of Discipline)

2. We require each agency or board receiving Mission funds to submit a record of disbursements at least twice a year: 15 days before the close of the fiscal year (ca. December 15) and 15 days before the first day of Annual Meeting (ca. May 15).

3. We commend those boards and organizations who did early budget preparation, and recommend that all requests for funds be submitted to the Commission at its first pre-conference meeting.

4. We recommend that each year's concluding statistics be the figures used to produce the following year's grade figures for all items of the budget and that total members be the membership figure. Total members should include Associate Members.

5. We recommend that the Alaska Mission office mail quarterly report of all monies appropriated and received to the following: the National Division, the Bishop, and appropriate local church personnel.

6. We recommend that items A, B, and C of the Mission budget be placed on the grade figure system of determining apportionments to each local church in the Mission.

7. We recommend that all cash balances revert to the general funds of A, B, and C of the Mission Budget 15 days prior to the end of the fiscal year.

8. We recommend the vigorous support through the Advance of all the United Methodist institutions in Alaska. We further recommend the observance of Alaska Methodist University Sunday and Jesse Lee Sunday.

9. We recommend that \$500 of unexpended funds in the general fund be used to reduce the budget.

## B. SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that churches give serious consideration to securing the service of the Department of Finance and Field Service when planning a debt reduction finance crusade or combination of debt reduction and budget crusade. All Mission churches in Alaska except those which are self supporting financially pay one-half of the regular service fee while the Section of Church Extension pays the other half.

2. We recommend that the Mission newsletter include samples of materials to assist local churches with their financial programs.

3. We recommend that each local church conduct a vigorous educational program in the stewardship of life. The proven vehicle for increasing the stewardship of finances is the Every-Member Visitation, and we strongly urge each local church to use whatever resources necessary to work toward a successful EMV.

4. We recommend that the apportionments set by the Council on World Service and Finance and transmitted to the Mission be accepted for the 1971 calendar year, including the \$1,000 apportionment for Ministerial Education.

5. We gratefully commend the churches of the Mission for their faithful and regular payment of World Service and Conference Benevolences apportioned to them.

## C. GRADE FIGURE SYSTEM

Your grade figure was derived by the following formula:

Grade Figure equals Membership Grade Figure plus Local Expense Grade Figure.

Membership Grade Figure equals Total Church Membership divided by Total Alaska Mission Church Membership.

Local Expenses\* Grade Figure equals Individual Church expenditure divided by Total Local Expenditure of all Mission Churches.

\* Local expenses include general church expenditures (excluding loan repayment, interest, building improvement and benevolences), church school administration, materials and supplies, and locally paid portion of the pastor's salary and travel expense. A comprehensive form will be sent this year to help bring uniformity in reporting local church expenses.



	1970 Budget	1971 Requested	1971 Recommended
<b>A. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT</b>			
1. Episcopal Fund <i>An apportionment from General Conference based on 2% of the cash salaries paid minister &amp; associates. This fund provides salaries, housing, office and travel expense for active bishops, pensions for retired bishops and aid for widows and children of deceased bishops.</i>	1,209	1,209	1,209
2. Pension and Death Benefit <i>For the cost of pensions for 20 active ministers and all retired ministers with Alaska Mission Pension claim at \$50.00 rate plus death benefit program for 20 members.</i>	6,025	6,799	6,809
3. Superintendent's Salary, Travel Car, Entertainment, and Utility Budget <i>The National Division supplies all but the proposed \$3,350 which includes \$11,000 cash salary, \$3,600 travel, \$500 entertainment fund, \$900 car, and \$1,200 utilities.</i>	3,350	3,350	3,350
4. Program Director's Salary, Travel, Car, & Utility Budget <i>The National Division supplies all but the proposed \$1,000 which includes \$8,050 cash salary, \$2,700 travel, \$900 car and \$1,200 utility.</i>	1,000	1,000	1,000
5. Non-Self Supporting Churches Fund			7,150
Less Unexpended Reserve	(1,000)		
<b>TOTAL MINISTERIAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$10,584</b>	<b>\$12,358</b>	<b>\$19,518</b>
<b>B. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION</b>			
6. Temporary General Aid Fund <i>An apportionment from General Conference to help equalize salaries and pensions of former Central Jurisdiction members.</i>	536	536	537
7. General Administration Fund <i>Our share of the general administration of our United Methodist Church.</i>	688	805	805
8. Interdenominational Coop. Fund <i>An apportionment from the General Conference for our support of the National &amp; World Council of Churches.</i>	378	417	417
9. Jurisdictional Fund <i>An apportionment for the cost of the Quadrennial Western Jurisdictional Conference.</i>	72	72	72

10. Ministerial Education Fund	700	1,000	1,000
June-December 1969 we paid \$300 to help make the \$1,000 due in 1970. This is a new apportionment from General Conference starting in 1970. It is based on 2% of the non-capital, non-benevolent expenditures of the local churches of the Annual Conference. This fund is used in support of our seminaries and scholarship assistance. One-fourth of the amount raised remains in the Mission for scholarship aid. The 2% asking from General Conference was considerably larger than the \$1,000, but the \$1,000 figure was agreed upon for 1970-1972.			
11. Bishop's Administration Fund	250	125	
To assist the Bishop with cost in administering the Alaska Mission.			
12. Mission Office Fund	5,060	5,823	5,823
The National Division supplies all but the proposed \$5,823 for a total budget of \$22,044 which includes rent, operation, and salaries for a bookkeeper and a secretary.			
13. Annual Meeting	1,000	1,500	1,000
The National Division provides \$5,500 in addition to our \$1,000 to care for the cost of Annual Meeting.			
<b>TOTAL CONNECTIONAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$8,434</b>	<b>\$10,403</b>	<b>\$9,779</b>
<b>C. WORLD SERVICE &amp; CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES</b>			
14. World Service	2,775	2,775	2,775
Received on apportionment from the General Conference and accepted by our Mission.			
15. Conference Benevolences			
A. Program Council	9,920	22,314	6,924*
See detailed budget for Program Council.			
B. World Service & Finance Comm.		325	325
C. Alaska Methodist University	3,000	5,000	—0—
Budget meeting expense.			
D. Jesse Lee Home	3,000	3,000	—0—
E. Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center			—0—
Less Unexpended Reserves	(1,500)		(500)
<b>TOTAL WORLD SERVICE &amp; CONF. BENEVOLENCES</b>	<b>\$17,195</b>	<b>\$33,414</b>	<b>\$9,524</b>
*If we have less than 20 men to fund in Item A-2 savings up to \$600 would be added to the Program Council budget to make it \$10,524.			
<b>SUMMARY</b>			
A. Ministerial Support		\$19,518	
B. Connectional Administration		9,779	
C. World Service & Conference Benevolences		9,524	
<b>GRAND TOTAL — MISSION BUDGET, 1971</b>		<b>\$38,821</b>	
Total Budget, 1970		\$36,113	
7½ % increase of 1970		2,708	
<b>Budget, 1971</b>		<b>\$38,821</b>	

**THE PROGRAM COUNCIL**  
**PROPOSED SUMMARY BUDGET**

	1970 Budget	1970 Program	1971 Travel** Outside Alaska
Board of Worship	100	300	
Board of Education	3350	2800	200
Bd. of Ecumenical Affairs	2600	2650	
Board of Evangelism	150+surplus	175+surplus*	
Bd. of Christian Social Concerns	600	480	150
Board of Health & Welfare	515	95	400
Bd. of Mission & Church Ext.	1230	830	500
Bd. of Ministerial Education	700	700	
Lay Leader & Lay Activities	25	250	
Prog. Council & Interpretation	650	800	
General Contingency Fund	0	194	
	<hr/> \$9920	<hr/> \$ 9274	<hr/> \$1250
		+ 1250	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<hr/> <b>\$10,524</b>	

\*The present balance remaining from Mission to Alaska - 1969 is \$580.

\*\*The travel funds for use in sending Alaskans "outside" remain in contingency until the trip is authorized by the Program Council.

**DETAILED PROPOSED PROGRAM COUNCIL BUDGET**

**BOARD OF WORSHIP**

Materials for distribution	\$ 100
Resource Person from outside	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>

**BOARD OF EDUCATION — Proposed Budget**

Camping (S.E.-\$900, Central-\$300, West-\$900)	2100
Higher Education (AMU and Anchorage CC)	500
Audio-Visual Library	600
Leadership Education	1500

(Task Force-\$250, S.E. Convocation-\$175,  
 Youth Fund Mission Team-\$100, Central Conv.-150,  
 Sr. High Summer Service-\$200, Resources for  
 Workshop-\$175, Regional Training-\$200,  
 Age Level Work-\$250.)

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4700</b>
Advance Specials	\$1200	
MY Fund	50	
AV Library Receipts	200	
Christian Ed. Sunday	250	
Conference Benevolences	3000	3000
	<hr/> \$4700	

<b>BOARD OF ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS</b>		
Alaska Council of Churches		\$1400
Travel & Expenses of Methodist Delegates to Annual Meeting of Council of Churches		700
Church of Epiphany, Valdez		500
Distribution of COCU materials		50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2650</b>
<b>BOARD OF EVANGELISM</b>	Undesignated	175
<b>BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNNS</b>		
Educational Materials		30
Postage, Telephone and Telegraph		150
Legislative Newsletters to Network		100
Model United Nations Project		100
Resource Person from Outside to Alaska		100
Regional Training Opportunity for an Alaskan		150
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>630</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>		
Survey on health and welfare facilities available		10
Directory for referral services in major population areas of the State		30
Materials for seminars on health services		30
Traveling exhibits of Methodist Projects in Alaska		25
Chairman to attend National H. & W. Conference		400
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>495</b>
<b>BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION</b>		
Laboratory Training Outside for teacher in the School of Missions		250
Travel assistance to Work Area Chairmen of Missions to attend 1971 School of Missions		330
Travel assistance to Youth Delegates to attend the 1971 School of Missions		100
In-School expenses of School Staff from Board		100
Interdenominational World Mission Conference Delegate from Alaska		250
Interpretation & promotion of Mission in Alaska		100
A New Work or Project (eg Itineration of Missionary)		200
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1330</b>
<b>BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION</b>		
Pastors' School Assistance		700
<b>LAY LEADER &amp; LAY ACTIVITIES—Undesignated</b>		250
<b>PROGRAM COUNCIL</b>		
Travel to Meetings		700
Interpretation		100
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>GENERAL CONTINGENCY FUND</b>		
Unprojected needs, 1971		194
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10524</b>

**ALASKA MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
APPORTIONMENTS — 1971**

CHURCH	GRADE POINT	MIN. SUPP.	CONN. ADM.	WORLD SERVICE	TOTAL
Anchor Park	8.2	\$ 1,014	\$ 802	\$ 1,367	\$ 3,183
East Anchorage	3.1	383	303	517	1,203
First, Anchorage	20.7	2,560	2,024	3,451	8,035
Girdwood	.2	25	19	33	77
St. John	2.1	260	205	350	815
Turnagain	8.8	1,088	861	1,467	3,416
Chugiak	3.1	383	303	517	1,203
Fairbanks	14.2	1,756	1,389	2,368	5,513
Anchor Point	.3	37	29	50	116
Homer	2.0	247	196	333	776
Ninilchik	.7	87	68	117	272
Seldovia	.3	37	29	50	116
Douglas	2.6	322	254	434	1,010
Juneau	7.2	891	704	1,201	2,796
Kenai	4.7	581	460	784	1,825
North Kenai	1.1	136	108	183	427
Soldotna	1.7	210	166	283	659
Ketchikan	9.9	1,225	968	1,651	3,844
Nome	2.9	359	284	484	1,127
Seward	2.9	359	284	484	1,127
Moose Pass	.6	74	59	100	233
Sitka	2.7	334	264	450	1,048
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,368</b>	<b>9,779</b>	<b>16,674</b>	<b>38,821</b>

## **CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

### **CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING IN THE FUTURE—1971**

RECOMMENDATIONS	LOANS	GRANTS
Juneau	\$100,000	75,000
East Anchorage, Paving		5,000
Birchwood Camp Improvements		7,500
Southeast Alaska Camp Improvements		7,500
Ketchikan Parsonage Improvements		3,000
North Star, Educational Unit	15,000	10,000
Seward's Success Ecumenical Development	15,000	35,000

### **TENTATIVE FUTURE PROJECTS**

First Anchorage — Educational Unit  
East Anchorage Sanctuary  
St. John's Sanctuary  
Sitka Sanctuary  
Jewel Lake Parish Development  
Birchwood Camp Development  
Southeast Alaska Camp Development

### **Commission on Ecumenical Affairs**

1. Special commendation is given to Superintendent Ac Wischmeier for his leadership in bringing the executives of several denominations together in the new cooperative working structure, Joint Strategy and Action Committee, under the Alaska Council of Churches, and for his leadership in structuring the various united parishes.

2. The Commission encourages further steps be taken to establish and/or further ecumenical efforts on the parish as well as statewide level.

3. The Commission commends the organizers and contributors to the Consultation on the Church and Human Need (COCAHNIA) for their analyses and proposals of action models for ecumenical approaches to the ministry and mission of the Church in Alaska. We urge an intensive study of COCAHNIA in all of the churches of the Alaska Mission for the purpose of implementing as many of the action models as possible.

4. We urge regional meetings be established throughout the State of Alaska on a broad ecumenical basis for study and discussion of the Plan of Union. It is important in this study process that members of each of the COCU-participating denominations be exposed to the limitations of its separateness by being confronted by those who can reflect to it from outside its denominational structure. It is, therefore, urged that such study and discussion take place not only with members of the COCU-participating denominations but with members of denominations not participating in COCU: other Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Orthodox.

5. The Commission urges each church in the Alaska Mission to make available to all of its members copies of the Plan of Union available from Cokesbury and/or the Service Center. Study materials

and response sheets will be sent to each local congregation in the Alaska Mission for use in ecumenical study groups and for dissemination to all members of local congregations.

6. The Commission urges the Consultation on Church Union to delegate members of its staff to assist in the study of the Plan of Union by COCU-Participating denominations in Alaska.

7. It has now been several years since the publication of the Order for Proclamation of the Word and Sacrament of Holy Communion by the Consultation on Church Union. There have been some commendable efforts in the use of this Order and suggestions for revision through the Alaska Mission. All congregations are urged to make increasing use of the Order in frequently arranged ecumenical gatherings. Suggestions for revision and use should be made to the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs.

8. The Commission urges that a study be conducted by the Joint Strategy and Action Committee or any two or more members of that body as to the feasibility of holding joint pastors' schools in lieu of the present denominational schools and/or clergy retreats. Such united pastors' schools would provide for cross-fertilization and interchange of ideas and programs not possible at the present time as well as enable the growth of Christian unity within Alaska.

9. As the churches proceed through the "study and response" period of the Plan of Union, of the Consultation on Church Union it is important that the Alaska Mission be represented at the Annual Meeting of the Annual Conference Chairmen of Commissions on Ecumenical Affairs to be held in conjunction with the Annual National Workshops on Christian Unity; Houston, Texas (March 14-17, 1971), and New York City (March 19-22, 1972); we would recommend such participation.

10. Special commendation is given to the Alaska Council of Churches for their action taken at their 12th Annual Assembly in response to a memorial from the 1969 Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of The United Methodist Church. The Council authorized and funded (\$1,000) a special study committee on restructure to investigate the various forms of cooperative work that have evolved in recent years that give a framework for broad cooperation and service for Protestant, Orthodox and Catholic bodies. (ie. Texas Conference of Churches, Tucson Ecumenical Council, etc.) Amos J. Alter, Methodist Layman, has been appointed chairman of the committee that will bring recommendations to the 13th Assembly of the Alaska Council (January 18-21, 1971 — Sitka) The Committee is composed of one denomination executive, two pastors, two laymen and two youth (under age 25.)

11. Recommend that each church in the Alaska Mission have at least one pulpit exchange with a COCU affiliated church during 1971, especially on COCU Sunday if at all possible.

### **Membership and Evangelism**

One of the most pressing needs of the Alaska Mission is to more realistically involve its laity in the life and mission of the Church. We have been encouraged by members of both the General Boards

of the Laity and Evangelism and our mission Superintendent to plan for a series of Lay Witness Missions during the coming year.

1. Therefore the board recommends that the emphasis for the 1971 conference year be a Lay Witness Mission held throughout the state under the leadership of the Department of Koanonia Ministries of the General Board of Evangelism. (The Mission would be held in March or April and would require a major training enterprise throughout the Mission in the fall to begin the kind of ground work necessary for the Lay Witness Mission.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This Legislative Section recommends that the General Committee on Christian Outreach study the evangelistic needs of the Alaska Mission and present their recommendations to the Program Council for their consideration.

#### **Missions**

1. The United Methodist Church of Alaska is both "the mission of the church" and "the church in Mission". While local churches and the institutions of the United Methodist Church in Alaska lack the strength of great numbers and accumulated wealth nevertheless, they are called upon to be faithful in mission both to the more apparent needs of humanity in our own state and to the more distant and less articulate needs of the world .Rev. Eduardo Cajuat of the Philippines told Alaskans that unless the church is both "giving and receiving" the dignity of persons is in peril. Be it resolved that the United Methodist Church of Alaska and each local congregation be a willing instrument of mission, utilizing with great appreciation and stewardship the funds provided by United Methodists through the Board of Missions; and, becoming more ambitious in our own responsibility for the Alaska Church, its institutions, and the world mission.

2. The United Methodist Church of Alaska is confronted by change and challenge as it faces the local parish and the world. Members must continue to enlarge their understanding of mission. Therefore, be it recommended that each pastor, Mission work area chairman, youth counselor, and lay leader be a committee on Mission Study responsible to the Council on Ministries; and, that Mission Study Committee explore possibilities for representation of youth and adults and funding of same at the Alaska School of Mission in August 1971; and, that each church or parish set for itself a minimum goal of at least one church wide mission study a year; and, that the month of October 1970 and 1971 be reserved for a concentrated effort of mission interpretation in the local church utilizing the themes, studies, and training gained from the Alaska School of Mission; and, that each church adopt at least one General Advance Special, however small the contribution might be; and interpret to the congregation the particular project adopted.

3. The United Methodist Church of Alaska is a member of The Body of Christ. For the purposes of strengthening the bond of fellowship be it recommended that Christians of other nations be invited for itineration in the churches and parishes of our state and in so far

as possible on an ecumenical basis; and, that the Alaska Board of Missions in cooperation with the Program Council and the Division of Interpretation seek to itinerate an overseas missionary or national in 1971; and, that the Alaska Board of Missions in cooperation with the Alaska Board of Education and its committees on camping work with the Inter-Board Committee on Mission Education in its program of Summer Iteration of Overseas Missionaries, Students and Deaconesses in order that the camping experience of youth may be enriched in the area of mission.

4. Recommend that the following be approved Advance Specials of the Alaska Mission: Jesse Lee Home, Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center, Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Wesleyan Hospital, Alaska Methodist University, United Campus Ministry at the University of Alaska, Southeastern Camp, Birchwood Camp, King's Lake Camp, and Welcome Centers or successors of these institutions.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**YOUTH SERVICE FUND:** That the Alaska Mission petition those responsible to allocate Youth Service Fund moneys to continue their Youth Service Fund contributions to the Alaska Mission Program Director salary.

2. **YOUTH SERVICE FUND:** In the event that these Youth Service Fund moneys should not be forthcoming that we petition the National Division, in the light of our realignment of priorities, to authorize the sale of vacant properties such as Girdwood and Sand Lake to provide for this deficit.

3. **AcSPARKPLUGS:** Each pastor through contacts in his own conference and others encourage and cultivate advanced special giving. In order to facilitate this we urge the development of a filmstrip and brochure for wide distribution in other conferences and areas of United Methodism.

4. **PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY:** That a study be made by the Program Council on our philosophy of ministry as it relates to the concept of worker priests, lay speakers, indigenous leadership and related matters, with a report to be made at the next Annual Meeting.

5. **NON-SELF SUPPORTING CHURCHES:** That the Superintendent encourage Advance Special contributions from self-supporting churches to non-self supporting churches ministerial salary.

6. **JUDICIAL COUNCIL RULING:** That the Annual Meeting request a ruling of the Judicial Council in regard to the ruling of Bishop Everett Palmer that those ministers on special appointment for work within the boundaries of the Alaska Mission had the full privileges of membership in the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission.

7. **TIME-EFFICIENCY STUDY:** Program Council requested to make time-efficiency study in use of mission personnel.

# REPORTS

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Ac Wischmeier

### The Emerging Future and The Responsible Church

At the opening of the twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission and the third Annual Meeting of the United Methodist Church I greet you in the name of our Lord. As the sixties ended the AP member newspapers and radio and TV station voted that astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin's journey of 250,801 miles to land on the moon was the biggest story of 1969. As these brave men returned we saw one earth, the blue planet, moving there in space — moving out toward a future that is both promising and bewildering.

A nation of bewildered people can be dangerous to itself and to the world. "Anything that raises the level of man's imagination is good" as Barbara Ward once remarked — and probably the greatest value of our leap into Space is that it ignites our imagination and gives us a lightened sense of what is possible.

In the May 1970 Issue of Face to Face there is a provocative article by Stephen C. Rose entitled "Can the Church Keep Up with The Clock?" He introduces his article by saying "Harvard theologian, Harvey Cox, has noted that when Fidel Castro swept down from the mountains to take control of Cuba, the Christians there were dumbfounded. They did not know how to adjust to such a total revolution.

"In a revolutionary world, is there any chance that the church anywhere can keep abreast of the times? Or is the church destined to remain the custodian of old and tarnished visions, a club for those who want to hide from the new realities."

I don't detect this to be the desire of most of our churches in the Alaska Mission. Today our report looks to the future — to the shape of the emerging future, the peril of the future, and the role and mission of the church in shaping this future. First a word about this past year.

### The Past Year

This has been an exciting year of learning and getting acquainted for the Mission Superintendent and his wife. All of us give thanks to Dr. Meredith A. Groves for his five years as Mission Superintendent in forging a firm foundation on which the future service of United Methodism can be built in this last frontier.

One could not find a more dedicated, forward looking and gracious team of missionaries with which to work. Irene and I have appreciated the warm, cordial and thoughtful hospitality each parsonage family has extended to us as we visit from parish to parish.

We have immediately felt at home among you and have enjoyed the opportunity to share the commodious facilities of the new Mission House with you when you have come to Anchorage.

Anchorage is a crossroad of the world. We have had the privilege of widening our acquaintance, entertaining and having guests. The Mission House conference room has been in frequent use. Throughout the year 186 beds have been provided, 176 breakfasts, 132 lunches, and 196 dinners were served. In administering the Mission I have taken 81 flights traveling 47,234 air miles and have driven the Mission car 12,342 miles. I have appreciated the loyalty, counsel, and experience of our bookkeeper, Marybeth Sturgis, regret the loss of our congenial secretary Pat Cole and grateful for our new secretary Kathy Taylor.

It is a particular joy to work with Bishop Everett W. Palmer. His zeal for the church, his rich Christian spirit, and the limitless measure of his grace offers great strength to our work.

The National Division office of the Board of Missions has been exceedingly helpful in orienting a new Superintendent to its work in Alaska. At the gracious invitation of Dr. J. Edward Carothers, your superintendent was invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions in Boston in October. This meeting was most helpful in putting the total work of the Board of Missions in perspective and seeing first hand its operation.

We are grateful for the visits of Miss Emma Burris of the Department of Hospital and Homes; Miss Louise Weeks, a Community Center consultant; Rev. Albert Adams, property supervisor of Special Ministries; Rev. Warren A. Loesch, a director of the office of Advance; Dr. Harry Komuro who heads the Special Ministry Division of the National Division; Mr. Dwight Newberg from the Board of Lay Activities, Rev. Alex Portious of the Division of Interpretation; and Rev. Norman E. DeWire, Executive Director of Joint Strategy and Action (JSAC).

On June 27, we welcomed James and Faye Fellers to our newest parish — North Star. On June 29, Gary and Piroska Lueck arrived from Minnesota to become shepherd of our most extended parish — Seward, Moose Pass and Cooper Landing. On April 5, Vanessa Piroska came to make three in their happy family. David joined the Leo Cramer home by adoption. Our Christian love and best wishes to Max and Gladys Cramer as they complete their first missionary term and are returning to the Central Pennsylvania Conference for appointment and to John and Clara Walther as they return to Pennsylvania.

Our thanks to Sister Maria who took over in June, the Administration of Maynard McDougall Hospital at Nome at a time of financial crisis. She recruited Sam Buck for financial controller and in mid-April, Sam became both controller and administrator when Sister Maria requested she be relieved of her duties to return to her Catholic Order. In December, after many months without a resident doctor, Dr. Chung was hired and he and his lovely family have been an inspiring addition to our workers in Nome.

On April first, Charles and Doris Horner were transferred from Turnagain to Ketchikan and Walter and Ruth Warner were

appointed by Bishop Everett W. Palmer to Blackfoot, Idaho to fill a vacancy created by the death of their pastor last December.

Congratulations to two of our fine youth, Martin Walther and Linda Stassel, who were Alaska Merit Scholarship winners. Both of their proud parents are members of this Annual meeting. JoAnne Alter, a student at AMU and youth member this year of our Annual Meeting, was granted the \$500 Methodist Scholarship for next year. Congratulations.

A few weeks ago Cynthia Brooks, Deaconess at Jesse Lee Home, was on her way to the National Assembly of the Women's Society of Christian Service and was stricken ill as she was visiting at Robin Croft. She is still there and our prayers are with her.

### New Styles and Patterns

Consider now the probable shape of the future. We know, first of all, that it will be very different from the present. We are living in a time when the shape of the future has to be determined.

How true this is of the Alaska Mission. The Mission has been experiencing new styles and patterns of living. Last Annual Meeting authorized the formation of a Program Council. Walter Hays, our enthusiastic director of the Program Council, is providing creative leadership and will share with us next on this afternoon agenda in a new format the work of the Council this year and a preview of things to come. I express to him my deep appreciation for his leadership and invaluable counsel he has provided a new Superintendent out of his seven years experience in itinerating throughout the Mission.

Local churches are increasingly becoming aware of using the new structure provided in the Council on Ministries and the Administrative Board. We have not yet really begun to utilize the potential we possess in the local church for being the people of God. The Council on Ministries is really meant to be the arena for exciting, creative plans and dreams. We are free to move out with ministries that meet the needs that are unique to our particular location.

This Annual Meeting we will be working with a new format which is hopefully designed to involve more active participation of a larger number of our members in the legislative process and to combine 23 standing committees into four legislative sections and four standing committees to carry on the work of the Annual Meeting. The Program Council has recommended that the year long boards, committees, etc., be regrouped to function under four General Committees; Christian Social Responsibilities, Christian Nurture, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy and Christian Outreach.

The Alaska Mission wants to assume its share of self support and responsibility as rapidly as possible. We are indeed grateful for the generous support given us by the National Board of Missions but we must set ourselves to a more rigorous course to achieve this desire.

We must face realistically the stepped up activity of the tax assessor, particularly in the Anchorage Area Borough. Taxes were levied on the Birchwood Camp for 1968-70. We have been

engaged in a long appeal and were notified May 19, that we have won our case.

In order to keep up to the increase in cost of living for pastors' salaries the Annual Meeting instructed the Superintendent to ask the churches to increase their pastor's support by \$300 and thus raise the base salary from \$5,200.00 to \$5,500.00. All but three churches were able to respond and the National Division cared for the increase of these three pastors.

Considerable interest and discussion has centered around the salary structure report in the work book which will receive further study and possible refinement by the Legislative section on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

Among the 100 or so delegates participating in the Brookings Institution Conference on the future of Alaska authorized by the State Legislature was Rev. David Fison, Rev. Thomas Dahl and Dr. Fred McGinnis. We are pleased that three Methodist clergymen were asked to participate in this important conference.

### Some Exciting Developments

This year significant strides ahead have been made in closer cooperation between Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ, American Baptists and United Methodists in Alaska. The first "Summit" conference was held in the conference room of the Mission House December 2-4.

Close fellowship was developed over the two day conference. Mutual trust was engendered as each executive shared with the rest the joys, problems, successes, and disappointments of each mission church in Alaska under his supervision. It soon was evident our multitude of duplications and how we continue to pump in more mission money to try to keep alive struggling competing mission work when we could develop a stronger more effective work through cooperation. We resolved to work together toward this end.

Growing out of a second summit conference was a proposal to explore the possibility of creating a Professional Advocacy Council which was the number one recommendation in the COCAHNIA report. (Consultation on the Church and Human Need in Alaska) Each executive made application through his national mission board to JSAC — the Joint Strategy and Action Committee of the National Council of Churches for funding. At the present time the funding has not been forth coming.

The core groups of COCAHNIA initiated a proposal to TAPS (Trans Alaska Pipeline System) for pipeline social service. This was favorably received by TAPS and has been passed on with their recommendations to the various oil companies for funding. The core group is to be commended for their initiative, social concern and relevant program to meet a serious need during the construction of the pipe line.

The Trustees of AMU and the Board of Regents of Alaska University have been working on plans for a shared library facility probably to be built on AMU property adjoining Anchorage Community College. If this proposal on the ballot receives a favorable vote this fall, this could lead to many other interesting and profitable

cooperative ventures between these two educational institutions.

The Alaska JSAC is perfecting a plan whereby if only one of the cooperating churches is represented in a community the church represented can request the other cooperating denominations to designate their church as the church through which they work in that community and encourage their members to participate in that church. Thus, United Methodists could retain their membership while being a full participant in an Episcopalian, Presbyterian, American Baptist, or Disciples of Christ Church.

Turnagain United Methodist and Trinity Presbyterian in Anchorage have developed a very close cooperation and ventured forth together to reactivate Westminister Presbyterian Church, which had ceased to be, as the Jewel Lake Union Parish Church. They have developed a large parish concept and hope to operate the parish with two ministers and additional staff.

A new program to serve the needs of children in Alaska involving Jesse Lee Home, has been approved by the National Division. A new non-profit corporation to be called Alaska Children's Services, Inc. is being formed. It will draw together into a single child welfare program the work of three child care agencies in the Anchorage area - Jesse Lee Home, the Lutheran Youth Center, and the American Baptist Home.

The Alaska Mission pledged \$12,140.70 to the Fund for Reconciliation, and we have paid \$3,922.58. We must not lose sight of this obligation. A second Fund for Reconciliation project in Alaska has been approved for the Juneau-Douglas Parish with the assignment of Miss Jean Davis as a United Methodist Voluntary Service worker on subsistence salary.

We rejoice that again this year the treasurer reports that every church in the Mission has met its full apportioned obligation. The statistician reports that membership for this first seven months of the year to December 31, 1969, increased 85, or 2.1 per cent.

### Mission of the Church

How is the church to respond to the challenge of the emerging future? Our great temptation may be to want to run and hide — to hope that the future and the demand for change will somehow go away. The leader of a folksinging group called "The Limelighters" used to describe an experience the group had in Baltimore. He said the group worked hard on a new act that they were going to give, but the people in Baltimore were not very cordial. They didn't cheer, and some of them actually hissed. He said he was so traumatized by the rejection that he left the theatre and ran to the hotel room, jumped into bed, assumed the pre-natal position, and turned the electric blanket up to nine.

That, I think, is the great temptation being found by the church today. The time has come for us to stop running so scared, to stand up and face the real world, to accept responsibility for molding the future that is moving it.

The responsible church that leads men into the future is a church which has something to share that radically changes life. It

is a word about a sovereign Lord who really cares about man. It is word about one who has acted in Jesus Christ to bring us freedom to live life with purpose and meaning. The theology of this church for the emerging future is characterized by the word "Hope". It is the recovery of the real Biblical message addressed to man caught in despair and disease; the message of an open future. It reminds us that we can make a difference in the way life will be known by our children and their children.

The responsible church that leads into the future increasingly takes the role of servant, not master. Of course we lose some weight. We may be minus some money and some numbers; but like an over-weight man who has gotten back into shape, we will feel better, stronger and actually be healthier. The servant church really cares about the forgotten people. This church is able to use its truly amazing potential to enlist the resources of government and industry in really doing something about poverty, prejudice, native land claims, ecology, and hunger. We have a potential which we have always underestimated as catalysts for action.

The responsible church that leads into the future calls men to celebration of life through dynamic worship. Worship will not be seen as a dismal duty, but as an essential foundation for meaningful life in an increasingly babbling existence. New forms and experimental modes of worship will be significant. There will be a recovery of the significance of the Lord's Supper as the center of meaning of the Gospel.

Preaching will be an indispensable part of worship. A rebirth of preaching is taking place in the midst of the social upheavals of our time. Where the church experiences renewal, where it recovers its life and mission, there will be found dynamic preaching.

Through worship as celebration and preaching as event the church will know the balance of comfort and challenge. The church of yesterday sometimes failed because of lack of balance between these two necessary ingredients. The responsible church of the future will be faithful to his Lord in bringing both.

### Conclusion

Are we really persuaded with Paul, "that neither life nor death nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height or depth nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord?" Do we really believe it? If we do, then we are able to approach our mission in the spirit of George Shadford after he had received that short but profound letter from Wesley after arriving in America: "Dear George, I have set you loose upon a great continent. Preach your message in the face of the sun, and do all the good you can."

We have been set loose in this last great American frontier in the midst of a secular culture and Wesley's word to Shadford is a word to us: Preach our message in the face of the sun, and then do all the good we can. This will be the church in mission.



**Rev. Ac C. Wischmeier**

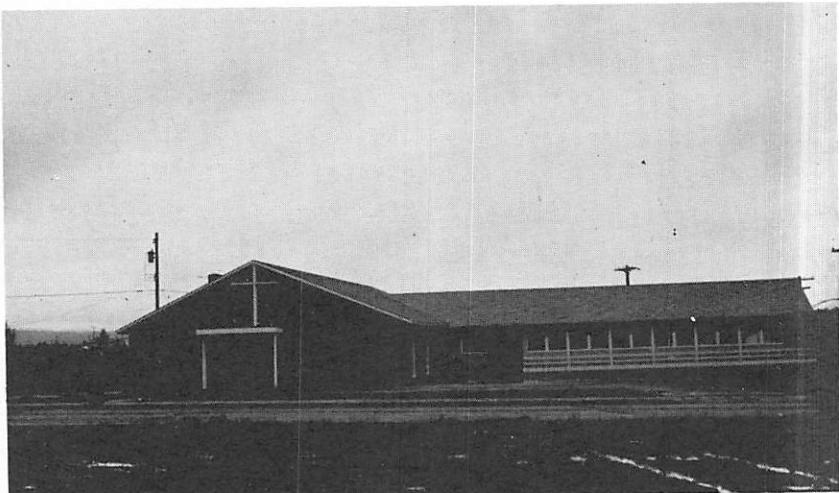
## PASTOR'S REPORTS

### Anchorage: Anchor Park United Methodist Church Leo C. Cramer, Pastor

In thinking about our fifth year at Anchor Park Church I hardly know where to begin. It would be impossible to relate the many meaningful experiences of this past year. To some they would seem trivial and insignificant, to others they are personal experiences that have changed lives and brought about a deepening of faith. Sorrow, joy, hope and salvation have been part of the experiences shared this year. Briefly I would share these thoughts.

I would express my sincere appreciation for a praying and supportive congregation. As together we have reached out in a counseling ministry to the alcoholic, the stranger, the widow, the persons in trouble we have found God to be more meaningful and real to us. This has been a year of attempting to strengthen our spiritual depth. We have continued a Sunday morning session of concentrated Bible study. A group of fifty or more adults have been active in this study group through the year. We have discovered much about the Bible we didn't know and have come to appreciate it more and more for its significance and relevance to modern living. Directed prayer sessions have been a part of our morning worship experiences. As we pray for others and ourselves we have been led into a deeper sense of commitment to God and dependency upon Him. Our worship services have been more meaningful as we have used the altar of prayer during the services.

One could never express enough his thanks for the very loyal and active members of the Women's Society of Christian Service. They have continued to work with the Pastor in making calls on



**Anchor Park Church**

our visitors, welcoming them to the congregation and inviting them to participate in the opportunities of fellowship.

Our Choral programs involve those from five years of age through adults. These three choirs have added much to our services of worship with their loyalty and enthusiasm. The very supportive role they play in the ministry of the Church is evident in the involvement and the commitment of people.

The winter time visit of Reverend Len Kruckenberg was a highlight for our people. Using materials and sessions related to family living, Mr. Kruckenberg shared with us in a week of discussions. He helped us sense the needs of many families in our midst and to develop an appreciation for other people and their needs. He stressed family worship and family involvement as a means to find God in life.

A real challenge was presented to this Pastor during the year as I worked with the Confirmation class. Twenty two youth completed the class and twenty elected to unite with the church. They were received into the fellowship of this congregation by Rev. Ac Wischmeier and myself. Rev. Wischmeier spoke to them briefly as they stood at the Altar about the responsibilities and the challenges of Church membership. He then joined with the parents and myself in the service of confirmation.

As we begin our sixth year we do so in a sense of humility. We trust that as God has used this Church, People and Minister in the past He will continue to do so in the future. We are ready to serve in answer to his call.

### **Anchorage: East Anchorage United Methodist Church**

**Max W. Cramer, Pastor**

The accounting time comes again, not slowly, but speedily it is upon us. Four years have passed swiftly. Our term is completed. We will be returning to Pennsylvania, to new pastures, but never shall I find greener pastures.

My sincerest thanks to all who have helped, inspired, and advised us in establishing and building East Anchorage.

My special thanks to the fine people who make up the East Anchorage Congregation.

My prayers for God's blessings are for the new Pastor who moves into this potentially great area of the Alaska United Methodist Mission.

### **Anchorage: First United Methodist Church**

**Eugene H. Walters, Pastor**

**Donald Hartman, Associate**

It has often been said that the third year in a church provides the most problems and this is no exception. While there have been so very many areas of success, there have also been the dis-

appointments. However, this is often the year when both minister and laymen come to grip with goals and program. I'm sure much will come from it.

Don Hartman finished his fourth year as associate pastor and is receiving a new appointment this year. The three years that we have worked together has been a time of fine teamwork with Don taking the major role in education and evangelistic calling. Don and Alma have left a deep impression on many of the people of First Church.

A Strategy Committee of about 20 laymen representing a large cross-section of the church was appointed in January 1970, under Don Keil's leadership. This committee has been searching out the best use of the property presently owned by First Methodist Church in the light of the mission we plan to bring to downtown Anchorage. We will continue to search as we define the goals this church has in Christian Mission.

We have had mixed to positive reaction to the using of different orders of worship at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services. The experiment was very successful.

Our choir has gained but is still not at full strength. We are discussing the best arrangement of a large sanctuary and the acoustical and other special problems that complicate the atmosphere of worship. We appreciate the diligent efforts of a very effective Worship Commission.

This has been a sound financial year with all bills paid. This does not mean that stewardship is at its highest, but that we have been able to limit our spending to our income.

We were especially pleased with our missionaries this year. Tom Walker, Director of the Missioner Program for 1969-70, provided some deep worship and personal experience techniques that should be helpful for years to come.

We are still torn by inadequate and unacceptable space for Church School classes. We recognize that time must be spent in planning (Strategy Committee) and that our debt still prevents us from borrowing a significant amount at this time. Still, our inadequate facilities are causing people to look elsewhere for a church home. We are continuing to seek ways to improve our limited space.

Our youth program has been a highlight of the year with strength in both Senior High and the Junior High age groups. Our adult education program has not been strong on Sunday Mornings and must be improved. There was good attendance at the Marriage Enrichment Seminars and the study "Sermon On The Mount". Also well attended was the study on church union which included three evenings and led by Mr. Hal Banks and the pastors.

We have become the sponsoring group for the Anchorage office of "Alaska Homemakers Inc." This is a non-profit agency sponsored through funds from the Older Americans Act and seeks to provide trained help for older people or the sick in the home. This is proving to be a very successful and needed program.

Again, Carolann and I would like to express our appreciation for the warm friendship and guidance given by our new mission superintendent Ac Wischmeier, and the many laymen at First Church.

## **Girdwood United Methodist Church**

**Donald Hartman, Pastor**

"The Church on the move" could be the term best expressing this past year at Girdwood. For many years the church was located in the original community near the Alaska Railroad. In 1964 it was moved to a location along the Alyeska Road and in the Fall of 1969 was moved to its present site several hundred feet in front of the Nugget Inn at Mt. Alyeska. This change was made so that the facilities could better serve the total Girdwood-Alyeska communities.

The program of the year has included a weekly Children's Hour and Evening Worship, starting first on Wednesday but after the church move the services were changed to Saturday; a day when there are more people in the community.

Average attendance at the children's program was 12 and the evening service had a noticeable increase over last year as several families who spent the weekend at Alyeska shared their time in worship.

With the building being located in a more convenient location there was an increase in the number of weddings, and there was an opportunity to offer the building for Roman Catholic services on Sundays and to serve the Alaska Mission in its 1969 Pastor's School.

The annual Sunrise Service was held in the sundeck with over 100 in attendance to hear the message given by our Mission Superintendent, the Rev. Ac Wischmeier.

The future of the Girdwood-Alyeska community and the local church looks extremely bright. I am pleased to have had a part in its history.

## **Anchorage Turnagain Methodist Church**

**Charles W. Horner, Pastor**

No report received.

## **Anchorage St. John United Methodist Church**

**Howard L. DeVore, Pastor**

The Council On Ministries at St. John has survived through its first year of life and found that the reason for being is grounded in the nature of the church and her effort to remain relevant. The mood of our congregation is to remain flexible in structure and program. The Council has strengthened the program at St. John by not only coordinating the efforts of the several church groups but also by creating a few ideas and projects for co-operative work. The quarterly meetings of the Administrative Board have sufficed to clear and make the weightier decisions in programming to gain support and involvement in projects and care for the very necessary housekeeping of the church. The Sunday morning worship and learning experience for families of St. John has been another year of experiment with a new form. The summer trial with a single hour and a quarter joint worship and church school proved successful

so that it was continued throughout the fall, winter and spring. Noting that most of our children needed more opportunity for worship and hymn singing, we began with everyone together for fifteen minutes of hymns, the psalms, prayers or a story and then the children moved to their classrooms for one hour. The adults and youth remained for the remainder of the service with a fifteen minute period at the end dedicated to discussion and fellowship. For two years previous, we had conducted two Sunday morning services with a growing sense of estrangement. Now the last few minutes of each Sunday provides a time for discussion of the sermon, the service, church activities, the state and world scene and gives opportunity for the introduction of new people. Also, the sermon takes on more significance, at least in the preparation stages, when the pastor knows it may be in for some searching questions. The youth of St. John have known one of the most active and enjoyable seasons of recent years under the guidance of youth co-ordinators Mr. and Mrs. Bret Allard. Weekly Sunday Night meetings follow an informal style as teenagers have studied the questions and problems confronting them today. The youth spearheaded a celebration of their church school teacher of younger years and present superintendent's birthday on Easter when Miss DeEtte Goff was presented an electric typewriter. They also fund the utilities and upkeep of their own youth center.

The women of St. John remain the primary source of leadership for most programs and activities of the church. Though fathers are brought into the church school classes for stories and assistance, the teachers are presently all women. Women have kept Sunday Morning discussion time awake with strong coffee. Husbands have helped but it is the women who volunteer for the weekly church cleaning chore at St. John. The ladies of the Women's Society of Christian Service have displayed beautiful receptions on the special occasions of Bishop Everett Palmer's visit to the church, the 4-H Club Sunday, Rev. Eduardo Cajuat's Philippine program, and many others. The flowers on the altar and embracing the building are the work of our church women.

The people of St. John are grateful for the continuing support of United Methodists from "outside." Iowa Methodists are co-laborers in the ministry at St. John where recently a plate was fixed to the church office and study recognizing the faithful and generous contributions of our brethren of the Hawkeye State. Recent summers have found work campers engaged in projects at St. John such as youth from Phoenix, Arizona who last July conducted a vacation church school and toiled at landscaping about the church. Rev. Stanley Woeste of Ottumwa, Iowa came with others to Alaska and worked for two weeks in November at St. John. He preached nightly, visited homes with the pastor, met with groups of the church and shared his time and joyous spirit with us. The mountain top experience of the year came during the Bishop's Lenten Services in Anchorage when on a Monday night United Methodists of the city, including the choirs of Turnagain Methodist and Trinity Presbyterian packed the chapel in a wonderful celebration. Like those other thrilling events this year, Christmas Eve and Easter Day when more members of Christ's Body are gathered than usual, the hall

is filled with people and the great hymns thunder through the air, the Bishop's visit to St. John will be remembered long to inspire us through the days ahead.

## **United Methodist Church of Chugiak**

**L. Eugene Groves, Pastor**

"One of the difficulties of the so called 'liberal' churches is that they lack passion in their faith. When something is so broadly accepted that it is ignored, then you never have to defend it and your interest goes somewhere else." This statement made by Dr. Hayward of the University of Chicago Federated Theological Faculty in a course on "Mythological Elements in the Bible" reflected something of his frustration as he worked within the framework of his heritage, the Unitarian Church. I suspected at that time, and still do, that his statement about his particular church has a lot to say to all Christian Churches as they seek their identity in a culture which has been saturated with "Christian convictions" for a number of centuries. Part of the upset within our Church, country and culture today comes from the emphasis on dissent by a significant minority from the policies set by the powerful majority. The order of doing things that has been well established for a long time is being shaken to its foundation.

Chugiak, Alaska may sound like it is a long way from the centers of American commerce, ideas, and unrest, but the ideas and feelings of our macroculture have filtered down to us. We, who are armed with a blasé' faith, are confronting a totally changing world of thought, wondering what is happening, wishing for the old, and striking out at obvious differences as the "cause of all our problems." The task of the Church, and of our particular church, is cut out for us. How well are we proclaiming the Word to that portion of the 20th Century that surrounds us? We are rising to our heavenly calling with feet of clay. We find it difficult to agree on what our task is.

While the malaise of the church issues in a corporate sense of frustration, individual members are making their mark in the world in an individual way, working to build bridges between races and economic groups, helping the handicapped, providing a home for the homeless, providing clothes for the ragged, being a friend in need on a one to one basis and writing letters to legislators about various social issues confronting our society.

But even on the corporate level, light can be seen through the eyes of faith. The mission of the church begins to be seen not only as the enabler of the individual mission but also of corporate mission. Providing a building where children can learn, providing a forum where divisive political ideas can be discussed within a framework of rationality, providing opportunities for group worship and the Word, and providing a listening ear along with a supportive community is seen with varying degrees of understanding as the start of our corporate mission.

Points of special interest within this year would be work at Birchwood Camp, with the Senior High Workcamp II, the visit of our

Missioner, Howard Cress from Indiana, the Christmas Play and Concert, the UMY work party at Camp during the Christmas vacation, New Year's Eve, Community Study Group, Headstart, PAC, GOAL, the various "painting" parties, Maundy Thursday, the Bishop's visit during Holy Week, Easter, the "Herein Is Love" study class, various wedding counseling sessions, and just getting to know the people in the church. This has been a year of getting acquainted. The process has begun in the Spirit of the Christ, and may it so continue.

## **Fairbanks First United Methodist Church**

**David K. Fison, Pastor**

Significant growth in the life of the Fairbanks Church may be seen in several areas. First, the broad variety of members with varying theological persuasions we maintain within one fellowship. We are a microcosm of the universal church — liberal and conservative and activist, hawks and doves, all a part of the body of Christ. This is reflected in the fact that we now have four adult Church School classes — each fulfilling needs for a different group and more than doubling our adult attendance. The second area of noticeable growth is in developing lay leadership. A different layman leads our worship each Sunday and shares his personal witness — a stretching experience for most. We have had two, full day, Council of Ministry retreats that have encouraged the increased lay participation. Laymen lead our regular Sunday evening service, conduct a midweek prayer breakfast, and hold services in the jail. We have certified two Lay speakers last year and plan a full lay speaker training program this year under lay leadership. We also anticipate our first Lay Witness evangelistic program next fall. Another area of improvement has been in greater fellowship. The Nuggets (young couples club) continues to fill a real need in that age group — but now we have a (middle-aged) adult fellowship, the Auroras, which has rapidly become a large group. Our working women's Wesleyan Service Guild has really blossomed and rivals even our strong W.S.C.S.

Odds and Ends: Our Program of Christian Education has been at its best this year under able lay leadership. We held one lab school, several training sessions, and have had two and three teachers in each class with a total staff of forty in our Sunday School and Youth Fellowships. We will experiment with Senior High teacher aids this summer and with the possible inclusion of them also in our fall program. Our Senior High youth have been most active and have become a guitar playing group while our Junior High which had a good beginning dwindled. However, our confirmation class this spring had 20 members. Some of them have played in our handbell choir and others in our newest addition to worship — an interpretive choir. Our worship service has become crowded, so this spring we have moved to two Sunday morning worship services, 9:00 and 11:00. We received great inspiration from our missionaries George P. Werner and William F. Mathys last fall for our Week of Evangelism. We share our weekly swim at the University of Alaska with a number of groups including Hope Center, Alcoholic Rehab Center, and Mill-

crest Home. We continue our Sunday morning radio ministry.

We express part of our social concern through our building use — seven days and nights a week. Our church sign reads "Church Center", listing six major users of our facilities — Head Start, Retarded Children's School, Basic Adult Education, 7th Day Adventist, Episcopal Parish Hall, and United Methodist. Improvements have been made on parking and grounds. Our able Secretary is now also Business Manager — full time.

It was my privilege to be one of 75 participants in the Brookings Conference. The 4 separate seminars covered 16 days and were spent planning the Future of Alaska. As President of the North Star Council on Aging, I attended the Anchorage Conference on Aging as well as one on Mental Health. With all of this I was a regular guest last winter at the Superintendent's residence.

The parsonage study has become a real blessing and reports indicate it has resulted in better preaching. We have done much official entertaining this year and our second parsonage bathroom has improved greatly our accommodations.

Personal items include — a successful moose hunt with Bob Nelson and entering the Great Tanana Raft Race — 350 rafts.

Pipe-line or no pipe-line it's been a good year and we anticipate a great one ahead.

### **The United Methodist Church**

**Serving: HOMER, ANCHOR POINT, SELDOVIA and NINILCHIK**

**James H. Thompson, Pastor**

Every pastor is tempted to dwell on the achievements and mountain top experiences he has in any church. Concerning the Homer Parish, let me say that during the summer of 1969 an active group visited and worked in the four churches. Having come from Bonners Ferry, Idaho, these teenagers and adults left solid contributions with their worship programs and youth contacts in Alaska.

We were also blest with the enthusiastic work and contact of the Rev. Calmer O. Overlein of New Lisbon, Wisconsin, in the fall. His preaching and leadership were inspiring.

A major highlight for the entire Kenai Peninsula was the early spring M.Y.F. Retreat held in Seward, Alaska. Our teenagers flew from Seldovia to Homer where they joined others for a trip by car to Ninilchik where a school bus was the final means of transportation to Seward. After the Retreat the journey and transportation were reversed to Seldovia. Total miles, 400.

The center of the parish ministry in Alaska must always be the people. Trying to make the Gospel relevant to a changing state and population is the constant challenge. Your four United Methodist Churches in the Homer area have seen both progress and heartache. Often the main leadership in these small communities has come from Methodists. The small fishing village of Ninilchik is an outstanding example. From a total membership of less than forty, this village church has sent forth in the present active day, one state senator, W. I. "Bob" Palmer, one chairman of the Kenai Peninsula

Borough School Board, Wade Jackinsky and one Borough Assembly Woman, Barbara Banta.

This vast state has entered into problems that are as big as her 586,000 square miles. Oil has brought in new people, money, and many serious difficulties. The money is from "outside" and very quickly returns to the Lower 48. Therefore, stewardship must be a pressing theme in these days that challenge us. Both Anchor Point and Seldovia are summarized, by this pastor, as areas that continue to need the Word of God; the programs that relate to them have been faithful but not successful. Although we know not what the future holds, we know Him who holds the future. These past four years have whetted our appetite for the challenge that lies ahead.

### **Juneau-Douglas Larger Parish**

**Douglas Community United Methodist Church**

**William G. Trudeau, Pastor**

Looking over the calendar of our second year in Douglas, it is apparent that there has been an increasing sense of movement and direction — both for the pastor and for the congregation.

Pastorally, I have been able to establish a more effective ministry to the Douglas community. I have had opportunities for depth personal encounter with many people outside the congregation. I have been able — though not so much as I would like — to work with the youth of the community in trying to establish some form of creative activity and programming. I have become more firmly convinced that this congregation must be developed as an ecumenical, community-oriented thrust of service and mission. We will attempt to establish in the near future an ecumenical task force in mission to Douglas Island.

We have been aided this year by several inputs from the "greater Church." Last summer, a work camp took upon itself the interior repair of the educational facilities of the church. Their work helped set the stage for a major fix-up campaign. The Church has been painted inside and out, the sanctuary has been repaired, a new (if small) classroom has been made available. Carpeting has been laid down in several parts of the church and the building is in better condition than it has been for some time.

But, a well cared-for plant is important only as it serves to make better what goes on inside. Two outside inputs have helped in that area. The Juneau and Douglas churches shared their "missioners" for a week's emphasis on calling and small group activities. The response was not all that we had hoped but those who did participate were enriched and evaluation of the program led to another event — a progressive dinner and film discussion to which were invited as personal guests those we had had contact with during the missioner visit — which was a highlight of the year.

Toward the end of the year, we made use of a seminar from the Ecumenical Institute to train some leaders and provide an evangelistic witness for several in the congregation and community.

We have also made it a practice to use significant men who are

passing through Juneau — or who may be residents here — both as preachers and discussion group leaders. An ecumenical thrust in this area this year has helped the congregation come to understand more fully what it means to share in the variety of Christian tradition.

Some forms have developed within the life of the congregation as well. We have established a plan of two retreat/year: a spring retreat for evaluation and goal setting; and a fall retreat for program planning and calendar making. These events have helped the congregation solidify its gains and create a "community of responsibility" for the life and direction of the congregation. The new structure has enabled us to spend much more time in planning and evaluation than was possible when planning and administration was subsumed under one board. The Council on Ministries has made study a regular part of every meeting and Rose's THE GRASS ROOTS CHURCH has been another relevant input to the planning life of the church.

In worship we have continued to follow some of the patterns established the first year of our ministry here: the use of contemporary inputs and forms, use of laymen, use of community concern and discussion. But we have also sensed the need to sit down to evaluate what has gone on, to consider the needs that are represented by the variety of people within the congregation, and then to develop a pattern of worship which can serve as a "basis" for the coming year. One of the more exciting events this year was a series of services built around "Christianity and the Arts." We invited local artists (painters, dancers, actors) to share with us the ways in which art forms might be used to communicate the needs of men and the Gospel's response to those needs.

The community thrust of the congregation has continued to center around the problem of ministry to the youth of the community. The youth have been pushing for a place to "hang out" but few buildings in Douglas are suitable and none are available. The congregation has struggled both in the area of determining its responsibility and its approach. Our approach has been that work with the youth needs to take place outside the program of the church although the church could be made available for programs in that area.

As I look at the thrusts of the congregation for the future, it seems to me that the following areas need to be considered: the potential ministry of the one Protestant church to a community of 1200; the conservation and wise use of limited leadership; positive use of those things we have hitherto considered millstones (size, financial resources, the small groups of willing and capable leaders).

I think there are several tendencies which are unhealthy and which we, as a congregation, must come to grips with: the tendency toward self-depreciation which keeps our spirits low and which paralyzes us from getting excited about possibilities for the future; the tendency toward defeatism which works on our fear about the future of the congregation to make us unwilling to invest time, energy, and money in programming for new; the tendency toward waiting and watching which expects some outside event (a new pastor, new members, a building boom, etc.) to bring life to the congregation rather than assume the responsibility, hard work, and careful assessment of talents and priorities that are continually ne-

cessary for growth and development.

But, I think the congregation is moving and is finding directions for the times ahead. I sense that we have become stronger as a congregation and are more ready to prepare ourselves for the present and then the future.

Danita and I have treasured in a very profound way the struggles, confrontations, growths, and relationships that we have shared in here. We are sure that our new assignments will also bring rewards, but there will be a special place in our spirits for the experiences here.

## **Juneau-Douglas Larger Parish — Juneau United Methodist Church**

**John J. Shaffer, Pastor**

Our first year in Juneau has proven to be as challenging and satisfying as we had hoped it would be. A congregation made up of many concerned persons moves into the community in many vital ways.

In our life as the church gathered there have been many frustrations, as well as achievements. Our church school teaching staff has been superb at nearly every level. This has resulted in increased interest through team teaching and asking for a commitment of nine months or less from teachers.

There was a definite effort made to involve every adult in the church in some kind of learning experience. Statistics would show this effort to be less than successful, yet there are new experiences available, as well as more people involved in small groups for study and discussion. Two experiences worthy of note would be a Tuesday noon church school class using the new adult curriculum "Christian in Today's World" designed for state employees in the immediate area and two groups which have formed in the parish for regular 'dialogue'. Groundwork has been laid for the series of "Living Room Dialogues", but have yet to be started.

Two bright stars have appeared in church as far as the ecumenical movement is concerned. One of these relates to the efforts of William Trudeau and myself, the other can be attributed to powers different than our own. Bill helped to organize a formal cooperative group with the Episcopal and United Presbyterian Churches, known as CCC — "Cooperative Church Council". This will be open-ended to other groups. In addition, the new Roman Catholic bishop is aware of some of the possibilities open for creative social cooperation, so this will be a new avenue for mission.

Last summer I shared in some cottage meetings with several adult members of the congregation — approximately 60. Nearly half were willing to be involved in some type of interchurch activity that might lead to merger with another denomination or loss of denomination identity. The other half was quite willing to remain in the form we are now in, unless forced to change by national union, etc. This makes planning move rather slowly, but our current stance is to minister as effectively as possible in our historical structure, but remaining open to those movements and possibilities which may evolve in our life together.

Rather than let the building deteriorate around us, concerned laymen have provided funds and energy for a major exterior painting job, as well as continuing the painting of Dryden Hall, which was partly painted last summer by members of the Youth Hostel which occupies the building. It was the first painting in nearly eleven years, so we feel we have contributed to a major paint up-fix up campaign of various city officials. Our building is old, but it still stands! Minor repairs by the trustees and purchase of several fire extinguishers made us more acceptable to the fire marshall.

Our Administrative Board has applied for a United Methodist Volunteer. Miss Jean Davis (formerly of Sitka) has been assigned to us for the next year. A Reconciliation Task Force has been created to work with her in new forms of mission.

We have learned more about the political process during our first year in Juneau. Letters written in a sincere and thoughtful way have a great deal of effect — more than standardized clippings, etc. There is a real place for concerned laymen to make a witness. It is hoped that this is a real part of the ministry of this church.

## **Kenai United Parish — The Church of The New Covenant**

**Robert D. Bowers, Pastor**

The most judicious way to handle a report such as this is to give a month by month sketch of the highlights of the year.

JUNE — Bob and Beverly Bowers and five children move into the parsonage . . . Bishop William Gordon of the Episcopal District of Alaska preaches and visits in the Parish on June 8th . . . redecoration and refurbishing of the parsonage begins . . . i.e. carpeting, freezer, dryer, paint inside and out . . . Jim, Faye, and Ray arrive to take over North Star Church.

JULY — The entire Kenai United Parish is invaded by MYFers and their counselors from Camas, Washington . . . They do a Vacation Church School at North Star Church and paint the Kenai parsonage.

AUGUST — Pastor and wife and kids on vacation "outside" . . . Fire destroys 86,000 acres of timber and brush and threatens Kenai and Soldotna . . . many church families are forced to move until the threat is over.

SEPTEMBER — Church School begins with the largest enrollment ever . . . Ecumenical Conference held at which leaders from all the major denominations in Alaskan Protestantism are present for a day of discussion . . . This day launches some high level discussions among denominational executives . . . Our first time to sit down with the Presbyterians after years of trying . . . Mariners Club resumes monthly meetings with a larger turnout of 40-50.

OCTOBER — We begin to think of the new educational wing . . . the church is growing . . . the need for the new wing is evident.

NOVEMBER — Four Missioners from various parts of the "Lower 48" visit and become involved in our Stewardship Program as devotional leaders . . . Stewardship emphasis is a success.

DECEMBER — Twenty-six new persons become members of the

Church of the New Covenant . . . We have a meaningful Christmas observation and look to the new decade.

JANUARY — The o.k. is given to proceed with the building plans . . . plans are reviewed and suggestions made . . . the architect begins the final work . . . Our budget for 1970 is completely underwritten and some new and exciting things are proposed for the year's activities.

FEBRUARY — Pastor's School at Mount Alyeska . . . very inspiring and enjoyable . . . Lenten Sermon-Drama begins, PRELUDE TO THE LAST DAY.

MARCH — Lenten-Sermon-Drama continues with high interest . . . We get FISH launched in Kenai.

APRIL — The Salvation Army begins work toward establishment of a new Thrift Store in Kenai.

MAY — The Salvation Army opens its new Thrift Store . . . It is the first work in Kenai . . . Other projects such as an alcoholic treatment center and a youth center operation are proposed for the future . . . Lt. Col. Adams preaches and Mrs. Adams sings during the morning worship on May 3rd . . . May 3rd is Charge Conference Sunday . . . The three churches of the Parish meet in one meeting and discuss their relationship to one another . . . a Parish Council of three laymen and the minister from each church is established . . . May 4th — the building goes to bid and everyone holds his breath.

We look forward to a new year . . . an enjoyable summer . . . a new educational unit . . . a Fall Retreat and Planning Conference to plan for 1971 . . . many things for the future as we seek to be the Church in Kenai.

## **Kenai United Parish — Soldotna Methodist Church**

**John H. Walther, Pastor**

This has been a good year of growth and advancement in the Soldotna United Methodist Church, although the growth has at times been slow. We have received 15 new members this year and removed 10 former members from our rolls.

We joined forces with five other churches in the Soldotna area (Baptist, Nazarene, Lutheran, Bible Chapel, and Community Church in Kasilof) in sponsoring a Layman's Institute for Evangelism (LIFE Institute). The results of this Institute are being reflected in the lives of those who participated directly and also in the total life of our community. We were participants in the Second Annual Community Good Friday Service held this year in the new Soldotna Junior High School. Several members of our congregation are also members of the Peninsula Community Chorus which sang for the Veteran's Day Community Memorial Service, the Dedication of the new Soldotna Junior High School and for the Good Friday Service, and presented a Christmas Cantata and an Easter Cantata-Drama.

Our Stewardship and Finance Committee have presented a plan of percentage giving for our people which will lead over the next ten years to our becoming a self-supporting Church. In the intervening years we will accept each year a 1% increase in our World Service and Mission apportionments so that by 1980 we will accept 110%

of our askings. This percentage giving program as spelled out will lead us toward being a 50-50 Church where half of our income goes outside the local Church to aid Christ's work throughout the world.

A great deal of progress has been made this year in our physical plant. The teen-age work group of young people from Camas, Washington, almost completed the installation of insulation in the parsonage basement as well as helping clean up the Church grounds. Four hundred and seventy-five dollars worth of gravel and grading work was done at the Church and at the parsonage. Some of the necessary painting in the parsonage basement has been completed but there is still some to be done both there and at the Church. New road side directions signs pointing toward our United Methodist Church have been installed.

The Kenai United Parish Program Council has just started to work but will become increasingly important as the channel for directing our united parish-wide efforts to build the type of community we believe Christ intended us to work towards in our local community service.

Our congregation was fortunate to share both the experiences and the fellowship of the four missionaries who worked in the Parish. Rev. Dick Tuttle, Rev. Cecil Wells, Rev. Charles Graves, and Mrs. Marion Main each had unique gifts and insights to share with us and they truly helped us to enlarge our horizons.

Our facilities have been used by Cub Scout Pack 161 which we sponsor. The Pack has six Dens and almost fifty boys and they are a leavening agent in the community. Job's Daughters, Bethel Number 3, has been meeting in our Church all this year. When the new Masonic Lodge building is completed later this year they may move but the girls too have helped to improve our community. Most of this year we have hosted an Art Class, too. A wonderful sample of some of their work is to be seen in the picture of our present building along with the picture of our first Church (Amy's Tabernacle) that are in the rear of our sanctuary.

The Republican Women used our building when they held a tea in honor of Governor Keith Miller.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of our Church has become a separate Society (there is no longer a Kenai Parish Women's Society) and now has a full program in addition to their weekly Bible Study Class. Their sessions are ecumenical and include women from other denominations and from the community.

Soldotna United Methodist Church is becoming increasingly a leader in the community as it works to make Christ known to the people.

### **Kenai United Parish — North Star United Church**

**James Fellers, Pastor**

This is the pastor's report for the North Star Church. From reading previous conference journals, I am assuming it is OK to sound a bit biased when reporting on one's own flock. So if you can stand more of this sort of prejudice or if you might like to know what is happening in the youngest church of the Kenai Parish,

read on!

Our first year in Alaska has been mainly one of getting acquainted with the parish ministry and with the peculiarities of service in the Great Land. There is nothing finer than the enthusiasm and optimism of a young and growing church, especially if it happens to be a congregation of Alaskans. What a privilege it has been to serve as pastor of the North Star Church and how thankful I am that these wonderful people have been willing to put up with their young pastor who came to them straight from sacred seminary studies.

Looking back over the year's highlights, we remember the work campers who came from Camas, Washington just two weeks after our arrival. Fortunately, their preparation to lead vacation church school was outstanding. They brought everything from literature to marine resin. However, the extra "spark" they left in the church school cannot be blamed for the Swanson River fire which soon followed their departure and which threatened most of the parish. Many of our families found themselves in a hot spot which was not the result of "fire and brimstone" preaching.

The main task of the fall, finding a new parsonage trailer, led the pastor's family through every trailer lot in Anchorage and Kenai. When the right home was finally purchased, it was only with the cooperation of Old Man Winter and Lady Luck that the sewer and water lines were laid before "freeze-up." The only problem that remained after delivery of the trailer was that the well had gone dry. With this good news we greeted the Missioners.

It was a highlight to have four Missioners in the parish. Rev. Charles Graves of warm South Carolina got an authentic taste of Alaskan life by sleeping in a four by six foot bedroom and running over to the neighbors to use the "facilities" when our pipes froze. It was a real boost in morale to have the Missioners and it was that boost which carried us to January and the joyous day the driller hit good water.

Growth has taken place in several areas since the water strike. The woman's society has become active and interested in the life of the Church. These ladies have been influential in creating much of the vitality of North Star. There has been increased participation in worship. Everett Wenrick's visits from Seward to lead us in the Episcopal ritual have been strengthening.

It has been exciting to serve in a parish structure, though at times we struggle with what it means to be a parish. The ecumenical spirit and the willingness to learn from each other is encouraging. Though the oil boom in the Kenai Parish is over, growth is taking place. Looking to the future, I believe North Star is in a good position to serve the community as it grows. Its people have the faith and willingness to do what must be done in order to be a church in mission.

## **Ketchikan First United Methodist Church**

**Walter R. Warner, Pastor**

This, our fourth and last year at Ketchikan and Alaska, has been a year of growing interest in ecumenicity. Two groups have been studying the book, **The Grass Roots Church** by Stephen Rose. There has been a joint meeting in February of the Presbyterian Session and the Methodist Administrative Board. From this meeting came plans for two ecumenical choirs with the Presbyterian director responsible for the senior choir and the Methodist director taking the childrens' choir, and each choir rotating between the two churches.

Both junior and senior high youth programs for three churches, other than Sunday morning, have been ecumenical for two years. For three years there has been an ecumenical women's study group with four churches participating. For the last two summers three churches have cooperated in a vacation church school held in the Catholic school building.

On Palm Sunday the Presbyterian and Methodist churches held a union service with our Mission Superintendent the preacher. That night the executives of three churches, Episcopal Bishop William J. Gordon, Presbyterian executive, the Rev. Alexander Campbell, and Methodist superintendent, the Rev. Ac Wischmeier, together with the three pastors, and the laymen of the governing bodies of the three churches held a dinner together and a discussion on possible cooperative activities.

It is too early to predict what may come out of these discussions. With both the Presbyterian and Methodist churches due for new pastors we have yet to see what may come even this next year by way of unification of programs and ministry.

This year we have added three fine, new classrooms and for the first time have been able comfortably to house our church school in our own building, leaving only two adult classes meeting in the sanctuary. We had to borrow only \$16,000 at a local bank and this is on its way to be paid off within two more years. The plan we adopted of putting these rooms in a second story over the area that was only one level above the ground leaves the whole question of the future use of the building and future additions or remodeling entirely open and flexible. We have met our present needs and are free to go in several directions in a merger of programs or congregations, as these ecumenical negotiations continue.

We have continued to work in the community with such projects as the Day Care Center, Golden Age Club, and Student Exchange program. The Habilitation House has received a grant enabling it to become a rehabilitation center for all Southeastern Alaska with a paid staff of six people. The Community Mental Health Center has become a reality since February 1st, the first in the State of Alaska. A low and middle income housing project of 50 units of new housing is trying to get FHA funding to begin construction this summer. The remainder of the Ketchikan report will need to be written by the new pastor, Charles W. Horner, who takes over his responsibilities here April 1st.

## **Nome Community United Methodist Church**

**Ernest H. Jones, Pastor**

The Community Methodist Church continues to be a sign of hope and a promise of help to the people of Nome, as it and its predecessors have been since the gold rush days of the early 1900's. After the mining fever had passed its peak, storm, flu, and fire brought tragedy and decline to Nome. Military activity during World War II gave a temporary prosperity to the area, but only rusting and rotting debris remains to recall those days. When the last gold dredge shut down, Nome entered doldrums from which it still hopes to emerge, but has not yet done so.

Through the years, however, Nome has become the center of transportation, business, and government services for much of northwestern Alaska. The Eskimo people have moved to Nome to find jobs, to have better living conditions, and to be closer to medical and dental care. The population is now about 80% Eskimo; our church reflects this population ratio in membership and participation.

There are hopeful signs on the horizon. Off-shore exploration for gold and oil may bring new industrial activity to Nome. A few new houses were built last year; at least 50 more will be built this summer. Consolidation and expansion of the city and regional high schools offer the possibility of more and better education for all the youth of the Seward Peninsula.

We stand ready to serve in this new period of transition, as well as to minister to those who are not caught up in the faster-moving ways of the new age that is surely coming.

The church today, hampered by lack of depth and continuity in leadership, carries on a more or less traditional religious program. Sunday school and worship services are fairly well attended. Junior High and Senior High youth groups have been meeting weekly. The Women's Society of Christian Service is the most active group in the church.

We function with a necessary minimum of organizational structure. A very real language barrier limits the effectiveness of most of our programs. As a result, we do not always reach adults as we would like to do. But the children come — Sunday morning, Sunday evening, after school to Junior Choir and Girl Scouts, and to any other event that may seem to be interesting.

Each year we send a large number of youngsters to Birchwood Camp. Last summer 24 boys and girls spent a week there, several of them enjoying their first trip away from Nome. This experience was enriched for some by staying on in Anchorage for a few days with the families of friends they had made at camp. The cost of transportation to camp is always a problem. The W.S.C.S. is working to help provide funds this year, and the youth themselves are also engaged in money-making projects to help pay their own way.

We look forward to the coming of a work team from the Central Illinois Conference this summer. These young people will do painting and other much-needed physical work on the church property, help us to have another Vacation Church School, and participate in group activities with the children and youth of Nome.

This year has seen closer coordination and cooperation between the Methodist church and the other two Methodist-related community institutions, the Maynard-McDougall Memorial Hospital and especially the Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center. The sudden resignation of the center director last fall caused a serious set-back in its program, but the board has continued to function, and we look forward to a time of increasingly meaningful service under the new director, Bill Trudeau. During the coming year we hope to see the church and the community center moving closer together in an effort to provide a well-rounded ministry to the total person, aided by the continued presence of an adequate health facility in the hospital and its clinic.

The kindergarten which the LWY Center has provided for the community for some twenty years has at last been turned over to the Nome Public Schools. Our center still furnishes the building, but the program is operated as a regular part of the school system, with certificated teachers, through a special grant made available by the State Department of Education.

This has been a challenging year for the Nome pastor. Personal and social problems abound in a deteriorated community such as Nome. They require much time and patience. The ministry in Nome calls for a much closer involvement in the daily lives of the people than is usually experienced elsewhere.

Many times during the year difficulties have been made easier, or routine matters cared for more efficiently, by the firm support and ready cooperation for our superintendent, Ac Wischmeier. He has shown a vital interest in Nome. His leadership is greatly appreciated. His influence will be felt here for many years to come.

### **Seward — Moose Pass — Cooper Landing**

**Gary Lueck, Pastor**

Three months after application to serve in the Alaska Mission we arrived in Seward on July 16th. The next day we hosted a mission tour group and then joined them in the tour of Seward. Since that introduction to work in Alaska we have been on the go.

Seward has received the greatest amount of our consideration and time. Our first task was to visit all the members and friends of the church. Parallel to our arrival was the beginning of ecumenical growth which has brought into the community new people and resources. This growth has been reflected in congregational participation and support.

Early in fall the Administrative Board (Program Council) set out a number of goals and hopes for the '69-70 program year. Looking back all but a few of the goals were partially or fully carried out. In Christian Education the teachers assumed a greater responsibility for the attendance and out-reach for new children. A marked increase in Church School participation resulted along with greater teacher enthusiasm. A great need still exists to reach many unchurched children.

Adult lay leadership was another goal. The laity took an active

role in Christian Education, including an adult class. They took over the leadership of prayer groups and Bible Dialogue groups in the absence of the pastor. A small group of adults took part in an experiment known as the John Wesley Great Experiment, which called for extreme Discipleship in the areas of stewardship, prayer, service, meditation and participation for one month. As a result of the experiment a new Spirit has invaded the congregation and pastor. This experiment came out of the challenge of Paul McConnell during the Mission to Alaska. The W.S.C.S. which had been defunct, has once again become an active fellowship in studying, serving the youth, church, and community.

The youth work in Seward has continued with an average attendance of around ten. These ten have been active. They plan on supporting an over-seas orphan and are thinking about working for an ICYE youth in '71. The Seward Church also hosted the Kenai Peninsula youth retreat in March.

In the area of Ecumenics the Seward congregation continues to be active. They continue to hold a joint church school with the Episcopals along with working together in the area of youth activities. In fact the two churches have the only on-going youth group in Seward.

The ministerial association has been active in promoting a Community Choir which gave two concerts last year. All of the pastors have co-operated in observing special events such as Thanksgiving and Good Friday services. It is hoped that the churches will share in serving the many vacationers and campers through an informal Friday evening outdoor worship on the waterfront this summer.

One of the Administrative Council's hopes was to cover the church building with aluminum siding. This project was completed by borrowing the needed money from their building Fund. Another goal was to use the church building for more activities. This was accomplished by contracting the church basement and facilities to the Seward Skill Center to use as a Day Care Center. The Trustees are now in the process of redecorating the church basement and stopping the water leaks.

In Moose Pass the congregation had a mid-year temporary growth and expanded participation, which has since tapered off to the loyal nine. The plans call for a Vacation Church School in fall and a regular church school in the coming year, if an agreement can be worked out between the various people of differing denominations.

Last fall an active Bible Study group was re-established at Cooper Landing. About eight families were involved in the study of Acts which met bi-monthly. This study was terminated in spring with plans to begin the study again in the coming fall. A strong and meaningful fellowship was established.

### **Sitka United Methodist Church**

**John R. Tindell, Pastor**

The big accomplishment of this year has been the development of some solid programming. An adult group studied the guide "Foun-

dation for Decision" by Kolbe throughout the year. A Cub Scout Pack of about 50 boys has met weekly in dens and monthly at the church for a pack meeting. This is one of the most racially well integrated groups in the entire Sitka community, bringing together parents and boys of several backgrounds. Beryl deserves much credit for patiently gathering leaders to staff this enterprise.

The Church School, though rather small in average attendance, is led by some dedicated teachers who bring genuine Christian Education to their students. The adult choir added depth and musical excellence to the Sunday morning worship under the leadership of Heather Nasi.

The Junior High Youth Center, "The Hole in the Wall," attracted 40 to 50 youth each Friday evening. Getting a few in the congregation to accept having a pool table in the church basement was not easy, but now without exception everyone seems proud of what we are doing.

For me, personally, the highlight of the year was the Youth Confirmation Class. Ten junior high youth met on Sunday evenings throughout the school year to study the history, belief and practice of the church. The group came to be a close knit unit. Nine of the group decided to become full members of Christ's Church on Easter Sunday. I predict this group will be the basis of a strong youth unit in the Sitka congregation in the future.

Shortly before the Annual Meeting our Financial Secretary died. Ruth Perry was a strong and loyal Christian. Her funeral was a joyous occasion, including the singing of "O God Our Help" and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

As we consider the possibility of leaving Sitka we are most sad and yet also excited over a new opportunity. I think an incident which occurred to our son speaks for all four Tindells. In a recent Church School class the children were asked to write on a piece of paper the one thing they most wanted. Raymond wrote, "I want to stay in Sitka and move to Anchorage." His teacher said, "Hey, you're rather frustrated aren't you?" Ray said, "That I am."

## **The Church of the Epiphany, Valdez**

**Dale G. Sarles, Minister In Charge**

The life and work of the congregation of the Church in Valdez has been strengthened this year, and grown international, in addition to continuing in ecumenical programs. Englishmen and others have come to work in one way or another, with the Trans Alaska Pipeline still reported to be coming (eventually!) to Valdez from the North Slope. Several of these new families are entering into our parish life.

It has been a good and positive help to have clergy of the participating denominations (American Baptists, Disciples of Christ, Episcopalians, Methodists, and Presbyterians) sharing in a very big way this winter when the Sarles family was away in Africa. For seventeen Sundays clergy from out of town came to share in the work of ministry among the people of the congregation. It was defi-

nitely a learning experience for Valdez, and we hope for the ministers who came as well.

The Lower Richardson Highway ministry — a once a month itinerant venture — is continuing on an ecumenical basis. An extra in that work this year has been an attempt to have a small Sunday School program in the homes, and to have ministers enroute through Glennallen stop there for a service. We are fortunate to be able to use the Glennallen Legion Hall for services.

Four years ago the Sarles family wouldn't have guessed what a beginning it was when the Anglican Archbishop of Central Africa, the Bishop of Zambia, baptized Christine in Minto. It led us to spend nearly three months in Zambia this winter. Beginning in February we served, for two months, among the Bemba people of Chipili, Zambia. During the rest of our time we toured through most of the country, visiting the Copperbelt, the Mindolo Ecumenical Centre, the capital city of Lusaka, and the Victoria Falls. We made a special point of visiting hospitals and secondary schools so that we would know first hand of the health and educational needs of people in Central Africa. The need for high protein foods in diets has to be explained to people, many of them subsistence farmers. More and better schools, particularly vocational schools, are needed.

We all have much we can share in the life of the Church, and there is always a great deal we can learn. Certainly we are all to be enriched for knowing and growing with the brothers and sisters Christ has given us around the world.

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERN**

1. In 1969-70 the Board of Christian Social Concerns has carried on an active program with a two-pronged thrust:

**A. Extremism Conferences** — In January a series of conferences on Extremism was held around the State in cooperation with the Alaska Council of Churches and local groups. Mr. Erwin Schwiebert of Caldwell, Idaho, a man very knowledgeable in the tactics of extremism, spoke at a round-robin of meetings and very skillfully answered questions concerning this timely topic.

**B. Legislative Communications Network** — The second basic thrust of Christian Social Concerns was to stimulate participation in the legislative process in this important year for Alaskan legislation. Over 100 persons were registered with the mailing list for the Legislative Newsletter and were urged to make their voice effective. Particularly, we were active in urging the passage of liberalized abortion laws. We hope to carry on this coming year in the same thrust and hope to expand our Christian Social Concerns work and make it more effective.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT**

Statements are easy to make. They sound nice. They are painless. They can embody great ideals. They make us feel good simply because we have made them. But, their primary downfall is that they rarely get off the paper upon which they are printed. Thus, they remain worthless jabbering and do not become concrete reality in the lives and actions of people.

What follows this general statement is a series of recommendations for both action and reaction by the Annual Meeting and the United Methodist Churches of Alaska. These recommendations must not be worthless jabbering. Therefore, they must be seen as a mandate for action so that they may become concretely lived out in our lives.

How can we make statements and recommendations live? A clue can be found in our United Methodist heritage. In the fifty years of his ministry, John Wesley was very effective at making things live. Those who got caught up in his Methodist movement also were good at making things live. They put as their primary concern the love of the Lord Jesus Christ and they immersed themselves in a supporting, creative Christian fellowship. They studied their Bibles, they prayed frequently and fervently, and they literally gave themselves up to God that the power of the Holy Spirit might work through them, and it did. Not only was their personal life transformed, but, with the power of the Spirit working in them, they were able to see transformation beginning in their communities and their society as a whole.

So often we make statements and propose actions without having either considered God and His will or having given ourselves over to Him that his Spirit might lead us. The result is a kind of humanitarian concern devoid of power. What we must do is study diligently: The Bible, theology, church history, contemporary thought, christian ethics, the rustlings and rumblings and needs of our community, and, then, yield ourselves body and soul to God that His Spirit might work in and through us to Christianize our social order. Then, our statements will have life and breath through our actions and will cease to be useless jabbering about things that never become real.

III. The Board wishes to thank those who worked in this year's activities. We will continue this coming year to apply pressure to our legislators on important items. We will also take advantage of any important speakers and seminars available to us in Alaska. A big task is ahead of us and if this report and its recommendations are to be adopted. We are not called to a life of ease. We are called to a life of service and witness. Chrisian Social Concern is where beliefs become real in action. Let us believe . . . and, act.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES**

"The Church is not a building but is a fellowship of individuals who should strive to become a magnet of sensitivity to the cries and pain of the world; who must act to still those cries with love; to alleviate that pain with its resources, both human and financial."

This statement from the fine word of the document "Consultation on the Church and Human Need in Alaska" reflects the stance that United Methodists are increasingly taking in their ministry of reconciliation.

1. A major information campaign to churches of the mission to gather support for passage of HB257 (SB240) that would require the state to pay full cost of care for its wards that are placed in private institutions. Informative mailings were sent to all local churches and over 1000 post cards were distributed to local churches

so individuals could make their opinion known to the legislators and governor. Many local churches also mailed petitions. A special word of praise is due the Anchorage and Fairbanks chapters of Young World Development: These young people spent their Saturdays in public shopping areas and collected over 1200 signatures on petitions in support of full cost of care.

2. In early December the report from the consultation on the Church and Human Need was published. The document with its valuable compilation of data, testimony and information regarding crucial human needs in Alaska with suggested guidelines and action models has been widely distributed throughout the state and to regional and national church headquarters and helping agencies. To date two of the priority recommendations growing out of the consultation (the need for a professional advocacy agency and the need to provide a flexible social service network to the construction of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System) have been drafted into firm proposals and are awaiting approval and funding from National Church bodies and TAPS.

United Methodists can be justly proud of our key role in the design and enabling of this consultation that gives the churches and other agencies a base for discussion in starting long range and comprehensive planning to meet Alaska's crucial human needs.

## THE JESSE LEE HOME

### FINANCIAL CRISIS

This fiscal year started in panic. The budget that had been set up for the year anticipated at least nominal increases from the State of Alaska for services rendered to children who are state wards. At the eleventh hour we received word that the State would not be increasing its purchase-of-service rates. Not even enough to compensate for cost of living increases. Since the projected budget increase was almost \$50,000, the program was genuinely at risk.

In June the Board of Directors, at an emergency meeting adopted fiscal measures to deal with the crisis. Staff salaries were frozen. Personnel in medical, clothing, leisure time activities and religious education were dropped from the staff and volunteers were recruited to fill in for them. The population of the Home was increased by placing four children in the Director's residence. All budget items were cut to the bare bones.

At the point of this report it looks like we made it! While we are running an operating deficit, increased income has more than compensated for it. Extremely tight fiscal control and the second-mile efforts of staff and some volunteers have contributed greatly to this. We were able to maintain the quality of the direct service to the children and their families. And that's what's important.

### PROJECT AFTERCARE

Shortly before the end of last fiscal year we received word that The Jesse Lee Home was the recipient of a \$144,000 grant from the Grant Foundation in New York for the purpose of funding PROJECT AFTERCARE and a family counseling service in the community. The

development of the project (and the granting of the monies) were spread out over a four year period.

The first phase of the project began in October when we hired an additional social worker to allow our social work staff to begin to work on Aftercare Programs. This involved staying with children after their discharge to their families or foster families. Because our social workers work in a generic fashion (they carry complete responsibility for all aspects of a child's treatment) it was necessary that the new social worker be fully trained prior to the beginning of the project.

A shortage of foster families made it impossible to discharge many children and we are now working on a massive media campaign to recruit foster parents. The first results are beginning to come in and we are very hopeful that there will be enough qualified candidates to place the children who now need to be discharged from The Jesse Lee Home. In order to do this we will be running our own foster family program which will include recruiting, study, training, licensing, supervision and placement services.

#### **PROJECT FAMILY SERVICES**

Another grant (from the Public Welfare Foundation of Washington, D.C.) and monies from the Advance Special of the United Methodist Church enable us to fully fund (for one year) PROJECT FAMILY SERVICE in the REACH program. This project provides for a social worker to be added to the staff for the purpose of enabling all social workers to see the families of children in care to: 1) understand the family situation more adequately and 2) prepare families for the return of their children to family life. The program provides for traveling to the villages and outlying communities on at least a quarterly basis.

The social worker is now on board, has been trained and the first trips are underway. Within the next two weeks we will have visited every community and the families of every child in care from outside the Anchorage area. We are also spending more time with families in the Anchorage area and are soon hoping to organize a family group.

#### **ALASKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC.**

Perhaps the most significant development of the year has been the progress toward an ecumenical, comprehensive child welfare organization known as Alaska Children's Services. This new corporation is being formed out of a federation of the Jesse Lee Home, the Lutheran Youth Center and the Anchorage Children's Christian Home. The purpose of the federation is to make maximum efficient use of all available resources (staff, buildings and money) and (more importantly) to offer a flexible, comprehensive system of services to children and families. Hopefully, we will no longer need to place children in programs based on the need of the program, but rather on the need of the child and his family.

The ACS federation has received the full approval of the local staff and Board. The federation has been presented to the national denominational agencies. It has received the approval of both the American Baptist Church and the National Division of the Board

of Missions of the United Methodist Church. The American Lutheran Church Northwest District Committee has approved the concept of the federation and recommended it to its district convention. This is the only major hurdle remaining. The Northwest District of the American Lutheran Church meets on June 9, 10 and 11.

We have every expectation that Alaska Children's Services will be a reality. We are planning to merge fiscal operations on July 1. Staff operations should be fully implemented by October 1. The corporation has been formed and a board will be selected by September 1.

#### **REACH**

We have entered the fifteenth month of the REACH development program. While we have already raised about \$235,000, seen a successful purchase-of-service bill and completed much of the direct mail campaign, we still have a long way to go with the Alaska campaign. It appears now that that campaign must be postponed until late 1970. However, we fully intend to press on and hope to have a successful conclusion.

#### **PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 240 (HOUSE BILL 251)**

The political struggle is over! Alaska now has a full cost purchase-of-service policy for family and child welfare services. Unstinting credit should go to members of our Board of Directors in the Legislature who have been instrumental to end the passage of this legislation. We cannot yet be fully aware of the implications that are involved in this matter. While the rates have not been set for next year, we can anticipate a substantial increase and a freeing of the available voluntary funds for services to the private sector and fulfillment of the voluntary agency's demonstrational function.

### **MAYNARD McDougall Memorial Hospital Annual Report**

During the past year the Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital was and still is faced with the question of curtailing the services of the hospital or suspending operations completely. The hospital, in common with many others, has experienced difficulty in recruiting professional personnel and in obtaining adequate funding to meet the rising costs of operation.

Last spring the death of Grady L. Crutchfield left the post of administrator vacant. Mrs. Betty Bennett, as acting administrator, was within the same month hospitalized and unable to continue full-time work. The hospital was fortunate to obtain from the community of the Sisters of Charity of Providence on a temporary basis the services of Sister Maria of Providence, who served diligently and effectively as administrator through March 31, 1970.

From June to December, 1969, the hospital was without the services of a full-time private physician. Fortunately, the Public Health Service was able to supply physicians on a rotating basis to provide continuing health care. Archie Gould, M.D. again flew in from Colorado to contribute his services during the month of November and was of assistance in recruiting Won Pal Chung, M.D., who has in these few months gained the respect of the community,

professionally and personally.

After review of operations for the first nine months and financial status as of December 31, 1969, the hospital determined the need for additional funding to insure continuation of the hospital facility past March 31st. Pertinent information was submitted to the Office of the Governor, members of Congress, members of the Legislature, U.S. Public Health Service, Alaska Department of Health and Welfare, and the National Division of The Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church with request for assistance in obtaining additional funding.

Although no additional funding has been obtained, renegotiation of the contract for care of Alaska Native beneficiaries through the Alaska Native Health Service has accelerated flow of funds and increased somewhat the amount of such funds. All expenditures have been reduced to the minimum without impairing health care.

At the request of Governor Keith Miller, the Alaska Comprehensive Health Advisory Council met in mid-May with community representatives of Kotzebue, Nome and the surrounding areas to consider the comprehensive health needs of the Seward Peninsula and establish a basis for health planning for the area.

With an aroused public interest, the hospital is hopeful of obtaining necessary funding to insure the continued operation of an essential health facility.

Contributions of from \$5.00 to \$300.00 have been received from concerned individuals and organizations of the area with their prayers for the continued operation of the hospital. The City of Nome has considered several resolutions to insure availability of hospital care for the area. Legislation pending before the Legislature of the State of Alaska might provide an additional source of funds.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 1970, utilization was as follows:

2441 Inpatient days — 30.4% occupancy — average stay, 4.7 days

273 Newborn days

1994 Long-term days

10854 Outpatient days

Of the above, Alaska Native beneficiaries utilized the following:

1884 Inpatient days — 77%

209 Newborn days — 77%

8177 Outpatient days — 75%

Fifty-seven per cent of the admissions were from Nome and forty-three per cent were from twenty-three outlying villages.

The costs of providing these services were (exclusive of depreciation):

\$95.88 per inpatient day

\$ 9.44 per outpatient visit

\$28.62 per long-term care day

In addition to regular hospital and outpatient services, the hospital and its staff are providing or participating in a cancer detection clinic, pre-school physicals, inspection of food establishments, weekly examination of inmates of the city jail, information health radio programs, and other areas of disease detection and prevention.

**MAYNARD McDougall Memorial Hospital**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
 General Fund  
 March 31, 1970

**Assets:**

Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 11,886.80
Accounts receivable	\$ 81,909.19
Less: Allowance for Doubtful accounts	<u>37,572.47</u>
	44,336.72
Inventories	<u>27,589.81</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 83,813.33</u></u>

**Liabilities:**

Accounts payable	\$ 26,769.61
Accrued payroll taxes	7,679.28
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 34,448.89</u>
General Fund Balance	49,364.44
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 83,813.33</u></u>

Reconciliation of Fund Balance

Balance, April 1, 1969	\$ 93,151.96
Operating loss, 1969-70	(58,937.15)
Investment in Plant Fund	(21,673.26)
Contributions received	36,822.89
Balance, March 31, 1970	<u>\$ 49,364.44</u>

(Subject to audit adjustments)

**MAYNARD McDougall Memorial Hospital**  
**Statement of Operations**  
 April 1, 1969 — March 31, 1970

REVENUE	1968-69	1969-70
Room & board	187,990	107,586.00
Operating room	15,000	5,467.00
Delivery & labor	2,990	5,665.00
Medical & surgical supplies	5,490	10,335.24
Laboratory	32,770	34,206.05
X-Ray	16,730	19,192.00
Pharmacy	35,630	26,672.33
Anesthesia	4,680	2,331.00
Inhalation therapy	2,880	703.00
Physical therapy	600	268.00

	304,760	212,425.62
Less: Adjustments & allowances	(74,100)	(7,290.59)
Bad debts	(42,400)	(32,000.00)
	188,260	173,135.03
Staff inpatient visits	104,900	55,102.12
Nursing home	32,800	39,860.00
Clinic & emergency	69,550	57,929.55
Cafeteria	9,320	5,787.30
Contracts	1,120	
Rentals	6,100	8,521.00
Miscellaneous income		656.66
	412,050	340,991.66
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>437,310</b>	<b>399,928.81</b>
	(25,260)	(58,937.15)

(Subject to audit adjustments)

### MAYNARD McDougall Memorial Hospital

#### Statement of Operating Expenses April 1, 1969 — March 31, 1970

	1968-68		1969-70	
	Salaries	Other	Salaries	Other
Nursing	100,068	6,535	103,955	6,756
Medical & Surgical supplies		16,494		5,480
X-Ray	7,671	1,682	5,131	2,026
Pharmacy	750	6,143		8,260
Anesthesia		1,781		630
Inhalation therapy		1,716		936
Physical therapy		523		24
Medical staff	32,177		14,709	627
Personnel housing		4,060		6,022
Medical records	5,000	309		74
Dietary	32,761	23,962	28,456	21,090
Housekeeping	19,017	2,376	18,936	4,512
Laundry	13,562	709	11,396	261
Plant	13,346	36,328	21,732	35,306
Administration	42,216	39,750	43,859	31,809
Laboratory	9,838	3,820	9,624	4,987
Payroll taxes		14,719		13,331
Total Expenses	276,406	160,907	257,798	142,131

(Subject to audit adjustments)

## **WESLEYAN HOSPITAL FOR CHRONIC DISEASES, INC.**

### **Annual Report 1968-1969**

It becomes my pleasure again to present to you a resume of the activities of Wesleyan Hospital for Chronic Diseases, Inc. for the fiscal year July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969.

The total operating income was \$245,569.23, the total operating expense \$192,795.38, giving a net income of \$52,773.85. Total per diem cost was \$17.25. Increased demand for nursing home beds has increased the occupancy rate above our current license. The Department of Public Welfare in Juneau has instructed us not to accept any more patients and to reduce our patient load when beds are available. To alleviate the situation, preliminary plans are being implemented to add an addition to the hospital for the overflow of existing patients and to meet the rising demands for other nursing home patients. The Veterans Administration have indicated that they could use five beds. This facility has proved an ideal location for the geriatric patient because of its secluded setting.

Wesleyan Hospital, with Board approval, has withdrawn from the Medicare program. As it now stands, the Government does not pay its full share of Medicare billing and the Federal reimbursement of hospitals does not realistically cover the cost of capital improvements, enormous amount of paper work and the complicated book-keeping procedures that must be met. There will be no problem if the hospital desires to enroll in the Medicare program again.

Added improvements this past year was the purchase of a new dishwasher and auxiliary hot water tank, sidewalks in front of the building, gas stove and double ovens for the kitchen, carpeting of the stairways and landings, and a 3M-107 Copier.

Future expenditures would be incorporated in the new addition if we can obtain the funding and approval to build.

The Staff of this facility joins me in thanking the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church, the Board of Trustees and Corporate Members for their assistance in the operation of Wesleyan Hospital.

May 28, 1970

Mildred L. Pelch, R.N.  
Administrator

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

At the end of each year it is most important to evaluate our work to see where we have been and catch a vision of where we are going. The year can best be summarized under the following headings:

### **TEACHER TRAINING**

During this past year there have been several opportunities for teacher training. In September, Walt Hays conducted a three session observation school with an elementary III-IV class for twenty-three adult teachers and leaders at First United Methodist Church in Fairbanks. In October six United Methodists participated in The "Instro-teach" workshops in Anchorage and Juneau that emphasized a method

for evaluation of church school teaching; these workshops were sponsored by the two presbyteries of the United Presbyterian Church in Alaska. In March several United Methodists participated in a workshop in "Discovering and Using Resources" in Anchorage and Fairbanks led by Master Teacher James Simpson of the Synod of Washington — Alaska of the United Presbyterian Church and some thirty-five Methodists participated in a one-day teaching aids workshop in Anchorage that provided basic help for pre-school through senior high teachers. This workshop was designed and coordinated by Mrs. Georgia Snowden and Mrs. Leo Cramer.

Even in light of these events it is generally felt that our efforts at teacher training are not thorough enough. Because of our constant turn-over in our church school staffs, we must initiate a program that will take place automatically during each year and which will be able to reach the teachers of every local church.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

In the area of ministry with youth there are several events to report:

We once again sponsored a Southeast Alaska Convocation for senior high youth. This convocation held in Sitka over New Year's was especially successful, having been planned ecumenically and involving eighty-two youth. Special thanks is due to John and Bea Tindell for their primary role in enabling this enterprise. Tentative plans call for the convocation to be held in Juneau this coming winter and to again involve as many denominations as possible.

During the mid winter the board was able to assist two clergy, Rev. Jim Fellers and Rev. Gary Lueck, in attending two regular training enterprises in the Pacific Northwest in confirmation training and the informal group setting for youth ministry respectively. Both Jim and Gary were able to share insights from these laboratory events at the Spring Charge Conferences held throughout the Kenai Peninsula and for the churches of the Anchorage Area.

Methodist youth were again active in spreading the International Christian Youth Exchange Program in several Alaska Communities. International students, from Germany, Austria, and Norway have spent this year active in the schools, churches and community life of Juneau, Ketchikan, Kenai and Anchorage and in addition to the Juneau Committee participated in a two-way exchange by sending United Methodist youth, Tom Wilson, to spend the year in Walldiomer, Germany.

Many local church youth groups and clusters of youth groups held study and planning retreats in many areas of the state; primary resources were the new "week-end pacs" developed for retreat usage.

## **CAMPING**

Detailed camping reports will be filed by each of the camping committees for inclusion in the Journal. Both the Birchwood Camp near Anchorage, the Southeastern Alaska Camp near Juneau and the Harding Lake Camp near Fairbanks are receiving increased requests for year round retreat and conference usage; Birchwood Camp was in use nearly every weekend during the school year. All three Camping Committees (Western, Southeastern and Central) are to be congrat-

ulated for the broad cooperative stance they have taken.

The Board is concerned, however, that we give stronger support in terms of participation and leadership to the Central Alaska Camping program as well as our rather limited financial aid and that the Board of Education send representatives.

### **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Because the board has chosen to function as the committee in higher education, one of its main concerns has been ministry to our campuses.

We feel that the campus ministry at the University of Alaska has made significant gains under the leadership of Dr. Robert Nelson and the formation of the U.C.M. We take special pride in the recognition given to the quality of his ministry by the recent assembly of the Alaska Council of Churches that not only commended him for his work but voted \$1,000 to the UCM to enable an Alaskan "Bush" service project for U. of A. students and to provide the direction of the UCM with a discretionary fund.

Our efforts to establish a ministry to Alaska Methodist University and the Anchorage Community College Campus has so far been unsuccessful. Monies budgeted for this purpose during the 1969 portion of our conference year were not used and were therefore allocated to other projects. At present a study of the need for such a ministry is being conducted by a committee under the chairmanship of Eugene Groves. We look forward to their recommendations early this fall.

### **OPERATION OF THE BOARD**

Both of the task forces appointed at the last Annual Meeting were able to meet sometime during the year. The Southeastern task force met in Douglas in the early fall, and the Western area task force met in Anchorage in December. Several advantages of the task forces were noted. Not only are the groups able to spend most of their time concentrating on programs for their geographical areas, but they also provide a sounding board for both the chairman and the education staff person in addition to our infrequent meetings at Annual Meeting.

### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA AREA CAMP**

**Charles B. Wilson, Chairman**

The year of 1969 has been a very active camping year showing an increase in camp usage from 1908 camper days in 1968 to 2622 days in 1969. The largest part of this increase was in non-Methodist use other than four week camps although the Methodist camper days increased from 752 to 903 days. Besides the summer week camps the camp was occupied by campers for 21 weeks and by approximately this same amount of time by some 20 to 25 work groups involved in a number of camp improvement projects. Financially, as the Program financial summary will show, the camp suffered a loss primarily because three weeks camps were cancelled prior to their starting date. In each case the reported reason was a lack of campers. The camp week fee of \$22.50 for 1969 has been increased to \$27.50 for 1970.

Week	Camps (church)	Number Campers	Number Staff	Theme	Director
6-8 to 14	H.S. Ecumenical	18	4	Christian Involvement in the World	Jim Alter
6-22 to 28	Salvation Army	44	7	.....	Major Rivett
7-16 to 28	Junior Cp., Meth	23	5	Small Group Camping	Rev. Trudeau Rev. Sachs
7-13 to 19	Glacier Bible-Luth	28	7	.....	Rev. Tindell
7-21 to 26	Junior High-Meth	29	6	The Church is My Life	Rev. Dahl & Rev. Shaffer
8-30 to 9-1	Family Cp. Meth	37	3	Experiment in Family Oriented Cp	

## CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

- Moved old kitchen to new location overlooking camp entrance where it will be used for camp managers quarters and by campers when he is not on staff.
- Dug new well, installed pump and will have two pressure tanks installed and pipe laid by the time this report is made to Annual Conference. Found good water at 59 feet.
- Cemented fireplace in fall and enjoyed its warmth and glow all winter and spring.
- Insulated dining room and kitchen; project completed with the exception of nailing the sheeting over the insulation. Getting the camp ready for the Environmental Education school program required shifting priorities so as to have the camp ready by April 15, 1970.

## NEW ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SCHOOL PROGRAM — A FIRST FOR ALASKA

Early last fall members of the Camp Committee, officials of the School and Forest Service representatives began discussing plans for use of the Southeast Alaska Area Camp for 2 weeks of 6th and 7th grade students in May, 1970.

At first the idea sounded beyond anything we could accomplish at our camp. Many questions were raised, not the least of which was how we were going to house 60 school kids and some 12 to 14 counselors so early in the spring in summer type cabins. The discussions became serious; 6 cabins were coldweatherized, (plastic put on sides over screens and stoves installed) 5 double bunk beds were put in each of the 6 cabins so 60 individuals could be housed in them, and the two weeks of Environmental Education School camping were very successfully completed. Prior to the two week camps, some 52 individuals, primarily teachers and others interested in this camping program and high school students who were going to be counselors attended two week ends of training at the camp. This training was the first of its kind offered in Alaska and was under the direction of Alice Cook, with the U.S. Forest Service who enlisted the assistance of Environmental Education Specialists from the state of Washington and the Juneau Douglas Community College. The School Board has earmarked some \$5,000 for the Environmental Camping program next year and the Southeast Alaska Area Camp

committee has been requested to coldweatherize more cabins so as to house a considerably larger group than the 60 at a time we had this year. Our committee has already requested \$3,000 to build and coldweatherize additional cabins in the form of a letter to Rev. Wischmeier. Without this extra funding we can hardly see how we can prepare the camp for the large group expected in the fall of 1970 and in the spring of 1971.

### CAMP IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

A year ago our report indicated that a request for \$19,000 had been made for camp improvement. In 1969 we were granted the first \$6,000 of this amount to remodel and winterize the kitchen, dig a new well and put in a winter water system and for a few other improvement projects. We had been told that we could expect the second \$6,000 in 1970, however in December, 1969 we received word that this type of camp funding had been cut and that we were not getting any such funds for 1970. This caused us to change our improvement projects from remodeling the kitchen to winterizing the kitchen and dining room and putting in the new water system. We will certainly be grateful for some funds to build and cold weatherize additional cabins so we can plan on offering the camp for the expanded Environmental Education School program this fall.

Our appreciation is especially extended to our Mission Superintendent, Rev. Ac C. Wischmeier for his very wholesome interest in the camp and for his cooperation, assistance and guidance throughout the year.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

#### Program:

Balance on hand — January 6. 1969	\$ 136.74
Alaska Mission — Program	\$ 1,205.43
Camperhips	75.00
Camperfees	3,933.85
	5,214.28
Total available	\$ 5,351.02

#### Disbursements:

Food	\$ 1,473.44
Managers salaries	1,058.00
Heat	569.00
Cooks salaries	695.00
Truck expense	403.32
Travel	192.00
Supplies	423.97
Insurance	108.72
Repairs to equipment	117.73
Books	65.20
Crafts and games	137.73
Counsellors	40.00
Phone	19.24
Miscellaneous	34.32
	5,337.67

Balance on hand December 8, 1969	\$ 13.35
Less: unpaid bill at 12-18-69 — Petrolane	140.83

Fund balance (Deficiency) December 8, 1969	\$ (127.48)
Facilities:	
Balance January 6, 1969 —	
B M Behrends checking account	\$ 54.39
Alaska Federal Savings & Loan	\$ 774.07
Receipts	
Alaska Mission	1,300.00
Interest on savings account	37.20
Total available	\$ 1,354.39
Disbursements:	\$ 811.27
Construction labor	\$ 145.00
Building materials	95.92
	240.92
	—0—
Balance — December 8, 1969—	
B. M. Behrends checking account	\$ 1,113.47
Alaska Federal Savings account	\$ 811.27

# **BIRCHWOOD CAMP 1970**

## **Leo C. Cramer, Chairman**

Our second year of involvement in Inter-Church Camping has been quite successful in a number of ways. The Camp Committee now includes representatives from the Congregational, Disciples of Christ, American Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, American Lutheran and United Methodist Churches. The United Methodist Church holds title to all property but this committee is responsible for the development and program of the camp. We have had many joyful experiences as we work together to develop a program of Christian camping.

A great deal of use was made of the facilities at Birchwood this past year. The summer camping program was our most successful numerically. The camp has also had a great deal of week-end use during the September-May months. We had only six vacant weekends in this period of time. As the camp is used more frequently we realize more and more our need for additional facilities. We can house approximately 80 persons now in our log cabins. Our dining room will care for a group of 100. Several times we have been used to capacity.

Ground has been broken for our long awaited shower house and bathroom building. Howard DeVore, Walt Hays and Archie Heald worked long and hard on the plans. We broke ground in May and had hoped to have it ready for the summer season. The building is being erected with volunteer labor and we have not moved as swiftly as

we had hoped. Now it appears the building will be done in September. It will be of cement block construction and will be built for year round use.

After many visits to the Tax Adjustment Board of the Borough Assembly over the past few years we won an appeal for tax exemption because of our being a non-profit organization. John Shaffer, Gene Groves and myself have spent many hours waiting and working to accomplish this task. Exemption was granted for the year 1970 and for our two years of appeal 1968-1969.

The plans for a cabin for the caretaker at Birchwood were accepted by the committee this year. When this is constructed we will have another cabin for use. The cabin in which the caretaker and his family now live will be freed for camping use. The foundation has been excavated and the cement blocks delivered for the basement. The upper story, above ground level, will be of log. The logs have been purchased and delivered. The building will be constructed by volunteer labor.

As we grow bigger we also hope to grow better in our total program. Our aim is to serve people in God's name through a Christian Camping experience.

## **ALASKA METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

### **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**to**

### **ALASKA MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The year now closing completes ten years of academic work offered by the University and Sunday the tenth class graduated. The report herewith submitted will be no effort to review the accomplishments of the past ten years although such a report might be in order. This report will give a summary of present status and address itself to present challenges and possibilities for the future.

The president would like to pause to express appreciation to the Board of Trustees, to the faculty, staff, alumni, the Methodist Church agencies, and many loyal friends for cooperation and comradeship in projects undertaken and in the progress made to date here at Alaska Methodist University. As important as all other contributions are to an institution, special tribute is now paid this year to the dedicated, loyal, and heroic faculty and staff for services far beyond the call of normal duty.

#### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

The academic year 1969-70 brought to the Alaska Methodist University campus some of the feelings found in higher education in many parts of the nation. It was a year of promise and success, of distress and disappointment, of change and innovation, of conflict and unhappiness. The challenges of the times, the responses to those challenges, and the changes accompanying such challenges and responses all seemed to appear this year at AMU.

The academic programs of the University held steady. This, of course, has been the pattern for the past several years. There were

no major expansions, neither were there any dramatic cut-backs, although the prospects for necessary retrenchment in the coming year appear inevitable. In balance, the situation appears no significantly changed over the recent past yet the winds of change are stirring.

Quantitatively, slightly under three hundred different courses and sections were offered during the entire year. This includes special offerings such as the Ft. Richardson extension and similar programs. Forty-one full-time and fifteen different part time personnel were responsible for these offerings.

The fall semester enrollment for full-time enrollments and the full-time equivalencies dropped for the first time in the enrollment history of the University. On the other hand, the spring semester attrition was not so great this year and the full-time equivalency enrollment exceeded that of the spring before. The part-time student enrollment increased this spring, actually making the total enrollment in the day program greater than the fall total and enlarging both the total number of different students involved and the full-time equivalencies.

The special programs of the University continue to provide a growing edge for higher education. These include the Head Start Supplementary Training Program, the Early Childhood Developmental Center, the EPDA Institute, Upward Bound, and the joint Teacher Corps-Career Opportunities Program. The Head Start teacher training program (HSST) is now finishing its second year.

Alaska Methodist University can well be proud of the special services that it offers to the diverse population of Alaska. Provision for the continuation of these programs, and their expansion where feasible, should be given high priority.

The general future of higher education in the Anchorage area deals with the role of AMU, the Anchorage Community College, and the additional programs of the University of Alaska. Following the actions of the Trustees and Regents over the past year, two groups of interested parties were constituted. The first dealt with the joint Library facility and devoted its attention almost wholly to the projected program for that building. The second has been designated the Joint Task Force on Consortium Arrangements and was conceived as a grassroots working group to develop recommendations for future areas of cooperation between Alaska Methodist University and the University of Alaska programs. The group has just recently organized and is requesting at this time guidance from the boards of governance of the two institutions with respect to the functions which it may fulfill in the coming months. Many faculty of Alaska Methodist University are deeply concerned about the implications of the University of Alaska's programs for the development of AMU; the Joint Task Force is designed as one vehicle for the expressions and, hopefully, resolution of these concerns.

During its second year, the College of Nursing has placed its primary emphasis on curriculum development. Courses offered in the spring were given highest priority. We were fortunate to have an entire faculty familiar with Alaska to start the academic year. The three faculty members who joined the College in the fall had spent

at least the previous year in Alaska. The fourth full-time faculty member joining the College for the second semester had lived in Alaska for about six months. The nutritionist, a part-time faculty member, has lived and worked both in Bethel and Anchorage.

At this time there are fifteen accepted applications for admissions to the College of Nursing. This is three times the number reported last year and equals the total enrollment for the first two years of the program. As the nursing program offered by the College of Nursing is further publicized it is expected that the enrollment will continue to increase. As the planned curriculum continues to be developed and implemented it is anticipated that concerned questions will be raised in direct proportion to the deviation from programs with which nurses in the area have had experience or about which they have some information.

The College of Economics and Business Administration this year graduated its largest class to date. A survey of demand for graduates has been undertaken which indicates that the college could find positions for many times the number of students that we actually graduate.

The future of the college is, of course, of greater importance than in the past and a considerable effort has been made in planning for the coming demands of the college. The increase in facilities and staff needs is moderate, but essential, if the college is going to continue to fulfill its purposes.

During the past academic year a great deal of interest has developed around Alaska in the Master of Arts in Teaching program. Two areas of concentration have been added to the program — Teaching of English as a Second Language, and Special Teacher of Reading.

Sixteen individuals have completed the degree requirements during the past year and were awarded the degree at commencement. Approximately 75 students are currently enrolled in the MAT program.

The book collection has continued its steady growth in the library. Our records from cataloging and acquisitions show a total number of volumes now, including bound periodicals and U.S. Government documents, of 72,529. These figures do not include uncatalogued books or those in the Arctic Collection.

Recruitment efforts were expanded this year by the stationing of a counselor in the Pacific Northwest to develop further our relationships with high schools in that area. Concentrated efforts have been made in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and California. The number of students recruited is encouraging with reference to number, but more particularly with respect to the caliber of student applying to AMU from that area. Additionally, every Alaskan high school with the exception of one or two very remote schools, has been visited and the story of AMU told.

As of the writing of this report, over 220 applications for admission have been received for next year. This is significantly ahead of applications at the same period last year by almost thirty. Compared with last year, the percentage of these applications that have come from Outside is greater by many percentage points. The significance

for AMU, if the percentage holds, will be the necessity of considering the tight housing situation in our dormitories. The implication of a lower percentage from Anchorage is that Community College is indeed a formidable competitor for the entering student in lower division work. Students relate their choice neither to program or quality of instruction, but rather to relative costs.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

Nationwide, college students have been voicing their concerns about those national and international issues by peaceful and not-so-peaceful means. Students at Alaska Methodist University have also shown their concern. On War Moratorium Day, some students and some faculty participated with speeches, marched to the center of town where they joined a larger group for more activities of a similar nature. For the Earth Day Teach In, there was wide acceptance and while there was a national group spearheading a program, AMU planned and sponsored its own program on ecology.

Incensed by the Cambodian incident and subsequent campus episodes in the Lower 48, a group of students met with representatives of the faculty and administration seeking a "shut down" for one day in order that the University community could meet and discuss the problems confronting the nation. An editorial from the Anchorage Daily News of May 12, 1970, sums up the situation as the community observed it.

### **Editorial: THAT CALM DAY AT AMU**

"Along with more than 400 colleges and universities in America, Alaska Methodist University suspended classes Friday in the wake of a violent, shocking week. It was a week that the United States marched deeper into an Indochina war; a week that activated not only protesting students but also national guardsmen.

At AMU on Friday there were no fireworks, but 150 persons, mostly students did gather to discuss the President's war policy, the killing of four students at Kent state by guardsmen, and what appears to be a widening gap between the national administration and many of the nation's young people.

The persons gathered at AMU heard guest speakers of divergent viewpoints. They listened to the President's news conference. And they talked about the issues at hand. The observance unmistakably was a protest. But it was a responsible expression of dissent, one that appealed to reason rather than pitched emotions.

The students, faculty and administrators at AMU should be commended for airing such dissent in a meaningful concerned manner. Friday's open forum on campus was not only a good idea that worked, it was the kind of participative democracy that should be practiced more often — and not just by students."

## **ENROLLMENT REPORT, ACADEMIC YEAR 1969-70**

	Fall Semester 1969-70	Spring Semester 1969-70
Total Number different students enrolled	844	940
Total Full-time Equivalency (based on		

total cr. hr. divided by ave. course load of 16 sem. hours	492	520
Total Number Different Students enrolled June through May:	1740	1432
Geographic Distribution:		
Anchorage Area	370	372
Other Alaskan	66	71
Other States	34	35
Foreign	15	15

Full-time students receiving financial assistance in the academic year 1969-70 numbered 324; an aggregate of \$533,448 was given in awards, loans and employment.

## UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY at the UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Dr. Robert Nelson, Director  
Sister Judith Morin, Associate Director

The University of Alaska has been served for a number of years by part-time denominational campus ministries including: a part-time director of the Wesley Foundation, a part-time Catholic chaplain for the Newman Club, and a pastor of the Baptist Student Union. There have been various forms of ministry performed making use of the various facilities available: Presbyterian Student Lounge, Wesley Student Center, and the Baptist Student Union. Over the last two or three years, there have been at least two active student religious organizations on campus: the University Christian Movement and Campus Crusade for Christ. There is also an active Society of Friends on the campus. Times have changed in terms of forms of campus ministry, and the new style that has emerged on the campus of the University of Alaska has been one of an unstructured (but not unorganized) presence ministry. The organization-students are few and far between now-a-days, and religious "clubs" have little appeal for even the most committed Christians on campus. With the demise of religious organizations on campus among the students and faculty, student centers and like-kinds-of facilities are little used. Campus ministry and the presence of the Church must be found at the crossroads of campus life or it will not be found.

United Campus Ministry began in September, 1969, to assume responsibility for, and over-sight of, campus ministry at the University of Alaska. Membership in the corporation is by communions and/or congregations. Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and United Methodist Churches have been the principle organizing communions. The Lutheran Churches, the Society of Friends, the Disciples of Christ, and the American Baptist Church have had a part in structuring and organizing United Campus Ministry. Under the proposed By-Laws of the United Campus Ministry, the corporation would consist of five representatives from each of the participating communions. Three of those five representatives, along with student representatives and members of non-contributing communions, act as the Board of Directors concerned with the programming of campus ministry.

The officers of United Campus Ministry are as follows: President, Prof. John L. Turner; Secretary, Mr. Don Wallis; Treasurer, Mr. Keith Bryan. United Campus Ministry employs Dr. Robert Nelson

as its Director and Sister Judith Morin, S.S.A., as Associate Director.

United Campus Ministry's stated purpose is to "seek to establish a Christian style of living and a habit of serving in the total life of the university." Some of the forms of campus ministry that are seen to be emerging at the University of Alaska under the direction of United Campus Ministry are as follows:

1. Presence Ministry: A presence and availability to students and faculty wherever they may find themselves. The campus ministry team has moved their entire focus to the campus with the UCM office located in the basement of the Student Union Building at the very crossroads of campus life. The Wesley Student Center is not used for student activities anymore. The Presbyterian Student Lounge is used only for occasional retreats. Students just do not leave the beaten paths of campus life, especially when the temperatures reach 40 below. The campus ministry team has actively participated in many student and faculty organizations and movements including the Walk for Development, Earth Day, the Moratorium Committee, the Teach-Ins, Student Orientation Services, etc. However, a large part of this year's work has consisted of "just being", availability in dorms, in the Commons, in the SUB, in classes, or wherever students and faculty are.

2. Worship: A building of Christian Community. Community has built up around both the Catholic Mass, the Protestant Service, and the Friends Meeting. In the face of frustration over trying to bring Christians of various traditions together in a common service of worship on campus, the campus ministry team, along with students from many traditions (and some with no tradition), held many ecumenical "Agapes" and Services of the Word. Where it was deemed necessary, students and faculty were encouraged to participate in local congregations; however, the primary need, and therefore the approach of the UCM, has been centered upon a worshiping community within the life of the university community. Services are therefore held, at the request of students, on campus. Experimental worship has been one of the most creative aspects of the work of the team.

3. Teaching: The campus ministry team has participated in a number of classes offered through the university as lecturers, participating in the Saturday Project (a training program for student teachers), and the Upward Bound Project. UCM sponsored the Ecumenical Institute of Chicago for a weekend retreat for students. The campus ministers also taught in the Lay School of Theology sponsored by the Fairbanks Council of Churches. Several intensive seminar projects are on the drawing-boards for the new year: Biblical study seminars, worship and witness seminars, and religion and ethics seminars.

4. Counseling: The campus ministry team has worked with the University Counseling Center on campus. In addition, vocational, pre-marital, marital, religious, personal, interpersonal, and crisis counseling has occupied a good share of the energies of the campus ministers. Draft counseling has perhaps involved one-third of all counseling put together.

5. Interpreter of Higher Education: The campus ministry team

has sought to interpret the role of higher education in the community, as well as to the churches. It has sought through lectures, sermons, letters, and articles, to speak to the issues being raised on campuses. It has also sought to interpret the Church to students and faculty and the role of campus ministry to both the churches and the university.

6. Ecumenical Agent: All persons concerned with United Campus Ministry (the campus ministry team, the officers and board members, the students and faculty, etc.) have sought to experiment with ecumenical styles of ministry as well as to interpret the role of ecumenical ministries to the churches, to society, and to the university.

7. Reconciler: The campus ministry team has sought to mediate and reconcile various factions within the university community as well as to bring together Christians within the university of various persuasions.

8. Special Projects: Cross-Cultural Workteam to Rural Alaska; Proposal to the Danforth Foundation for a major funding of a Religion and Ethics Lecturship; and several Short Film Fests.

## COMMISSION ON WORSHIP

Since the Commission on Worship was newly organized at the 1969 Annual Meeting, it was decided that the Commission's first year of life should be to determine what Commission members felt the group ought to do and why. Two meetings were held via the U.S. mail with an agenda of questions suggested by the chairman and enclosed post cards for member response. Almost all members responded in this way.

Many interesting ideas came from these responses and it is hoped that Commission members in particular and all Annual Meeting members in general will give consideration to them as here listed.

It was suggested that materials related to creative worship in the several parishes of the Mission be compiled and made available for the use of all who might be interested. Did you participate in what you considered to be especially creative worship in the past year? Would you bring copies of or sources of this worship? Would you be willing to organize and prepare such a collection of materials?

Several members of the Commission suggested that a bibliography be compiled of contemporary worship resources. What are the names, authors and publishers of such resources of which you are aware? Do you feel such a list would be truly helpful or likely to end up in file 13?

Of particular concern to one member of the Commission was family devotions. What resources for family or personal devotion do you use in addition to or instead of the Upper Room or other widely used guides? Would you be interested in compiling a devotional guide representing the thoughts of various members of the congregations of the Alaska Mission?

In addition to the dialogue, the Commission Vice Chairman — Leo Cramer — moderated a panel discussion on worship at this year's Pastor's School. A traditional Methodist Love Feast is planned as a part of this year's Annual Meeting. Also, it is hoped that Dave Fison will be able to share with Annual Meeting participants his use of visual aids as a part of regular Sunday worship order.

## **HOSPITAL INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

The present Hospital Insurance Program is the "Hospital and Medical Expense Program of the General Board of Pensions."

The plan is fully explained in the folder as revised, effective January 1, 1968, "Hospital and Medical Expense Program" provided by the General Board of Pensions, and "Certificate of Insurance" as provided by Travelers Insurance Company.

We recommend that each person covered be thoroughly familiar with the two documents. Some have been unaware of being eligible to file claims and some hard earned cash has gone by the boards due to failure to file claims.

## **COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE**

**William Staats, Chairman**

Your Commission on World Service and Finance met on March 13 at the Mission House Conference Room and conducted hearings on the proposed 1971 budget. In the preparation of the budget, we have given careful consideration to the apportionments from the General Church, the instructions of the Annual Meeting, the requests of Mission boards, commissions and committees, and the requests from Mission-related institutions.

Since the Program Council is new this year, this is the first time that a coordinated program budget has been presented; we appreciate the splendid work the Program Council did in preparing its coordinated budget.

Your Commission received requests for a budget that totaled \$56,185 compared to the 1970 budget of \$36,113 which was a 64% increase. It was a difficult decision for the Commission to decide what percentage of increase, if any, should be suggested. Since our membership growth factor June-December, 1970, was less than 2% it was suggested that 2% should be our percentage increase. This would have provided only \$722 new money. We realized that the 1970 budget has in it a subsidy of \$2,000 from unexpended Benevolence Reserve that is not available in this proportion for 1971. Someone moved that we challenge the Mission with a proposed 10% increase, but that was defeated. A compromise was reached at 7.5% with the addition of \$500 from Benevolence Reserve. The proposed 1971 budget was built on this base.

It became obvious that increases in Ministerial Support and Connectional Administration over which we have little control plus recognizing our inability to continue to provide \$2,000 from Benevolence Reserve caused us to have to reduce our Conference Benevolence program below the 1970 level. At a time when our Mission Program budget should be expanding it was granted a \$4.00 increase with the understanding that if we have less than 20 men to fund in item A-2 savings up to \$600 could be added to the Program Council budget to its minimum asking of \$10,524. It is with deep regret that we are forced to recommend a reduction of \$1,000 each for 1971, our Mission support to the vital work of Alaska Methodist University

and Jesse Lee Home. A token gift of \$150 is proposed for Lavinia Wallace Community Center to indicate our interest in the new work to be developed there with the appointment of the Rev. William Trudeau as the new director.

## COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING

Ac Wischmeier, Chairman

Three new classrooms were added to the Ketchikan Church on the second floor. East Anchorage completed its second educational addition and was consecrated by Bishop Everett W. Palmer on March 25. Major improvements to winterize the Southeast Alaska Camp have moved forward, and at Birchwood numerous improvements have been made along with the construction of a shower house. The Girdwood Church was moved to Alyeska on choice property provided by the management of Mt. Alyeska. The living trailer at North Star was traded in for a more adequate three bedroom Marlette trailer, and a well was dug to supply the trailer and church with an adequate water supply. The Seward Church improved their building by the addition of aluminum siding, and provided the parsonage with a wind-break entrance and a new coat of varnish. The plans and financing for the new educational addition at Kenai have been approved, and bids will be received the last week in May.

1969-70

	LOANS	GRANTS
Superintendent's Mission House	10,000	
East Anchorage, Educational Unit	42,500	
East Anchorage, Paving	7,500	
Ketchikan, Educational Unit	5,000	
Soldotna	11,495	
North Star, Trailer	8,940	
Juneau, Car Port	1,000	
Birchwood Camp Improvements	11,500	
Southeast Alaska Camp Improvements	6,000	
REQUESTED FOR JUNE-DECEMBER 31 1970		
Kenai	35,000	50,000
Turnagain, Matching Fund Grant		10,000

## RESOLUTION CONCERNING TRANSFER OF CHURCH PROPERTY

The following resolution was adopted by the 1969 Annual Meeting.

Since the National Division of The Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church is moving toward a position where it is divorcing itself from holding properties as fast as possible:

Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Alaska Mission choose a Committee of Three (3) Ministers and Three (3) laymen to work with the Mission Superintendent,

Rev. Ac Wischmeier, and Dr. Harry S. Komuro, and Rev. Albert S. Adams to study the matter and report to the next session of The Annual Meeting.

Committee:

William Staats	Fairbanks
Mrs. Russell Staley	Anchor Park
Charles Wilson	Juneau
John Tindell	Sitka
Ernest Jones	Nome
Eugene Walters	First, Anchorage

The Anchorage members of the above committee met with Dr. Harry S. Komuro at the Mission House, Tuesday evening, March 31, and prepared a petition to the National Division to grant permission to the Mission to organize and incorporate an Alaska Mission Union and to consider as soon as it is feasible transferring church property, including contents, furnishings and equipment, now owned by the National Division to the Alaska Mission Union or to local churches.

In the recommendation for action section you will find the petition to the National Division for transfer of church properties. This petition was not approved by the Annual Meeting.

### COMMISSION ON ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS

In seeking the unity of Christ's Church, there is, and will continue to be, action, reaction, and counter-action. We urge all Methodists to be sensitive to the diversity of Christian styles of living. At the same time, because of a given unity in Christ, the disunity, and often out-right hostility, between diverse Christians and their congregations or denominations is both an offense and a challenge to Truth — even where the supreme claim of conscience seems to demand separation for the sake of truth. Disunity is a rejection of that unity which is implicit in the love of the one God and Father of us all.

Especially, we urge Methodists and the local congregations throughout the Alaska Mission to be sensitive to, and understanding of, those brothers in Christ who choose not to participate with other companies of Christian people: for it is only on the basis of a deep understanding that growth together will ever be possible. Let Methodists in Alaska be the initiators of dialogue and programs seeking understanding.

The time of "study and response" has arrived for the nine Protestant denominations participating in the Consultation on Church Union. As long as there was no Plan of Union, everyone could be in favor of church union. Now, the Plan of Union for the Church of Christ Uniting is before us, and we must enter very seriously into dialogue with Christians of other denominations in order that this very significant multi-lateral union proposal be fully understood by all members of our churches and in order that all members will have an opportunity to respond by December 1, 1972.

Sponsored by the Alaska Council of Churches and the General Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, Robert Nelson attended the National Conference on Christian Unity, called by the National Catholic

Bishops' Conference, and the first annual meeting of Conference Chairmen of Commissions on Ecumenical Affairs, in Kansas City, March 15-19, 1970.

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

The major thrust of the Board of Missions is the week-end School of Christian Mission held annually at Alaska Methodist University in cooperation with the Women's Society of Christian Service. The board chairman, missionary secretary, and Mrs. Tom Daly serve on the planning staff of the school along with the Mission Superintendent, Rev. Ac Wischmeier, the Program Director, Rev. Walter Hays, and representatives of the Alaska WSCS, Wesleyan Service Guild, youth, and other denominations.

The 1969 School of Christian Mission incorporated studies on "China and the Chinese People" led by Mrs. Boyd Tyrrell of the Women's Division, "Reconciliation in a Broken World" led by Mrs. Ernest Jones whose training for the task at a Denver Lab School was funded by our Alaska Board of Missions, and "Inner Life and Christian in Today's World" led by Rev. Hal Banks, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Anchorage. Persons from all churches of the Alaska Mission attended, including some youth. The Board of Missions assisted Mission Work Area Chairmen to the extent of half their travel expense and encouraged local churches to send youth representatives to the school.

Churches in Alaska carried on studies and projects related to China, reconciliation, and the "Inner Life." At Turnagain in Anchorage, Mrs. Tom Daly reports a China study that included four Chinese Cooking Classes and culminated in a Chinese Potluck Dinner in February with Rev. John Walther of Soldotna conducting a program for adult and youth and Mrs. Walther teaching boys and girls. Rev. Walther attended the Pacific Northwest International Conference, The Christian World Mission in Salem, Oregon in August 1969, concentrating on the China study. In the Kenai Parish Rev. Walther and Joel Buffington carried out a China Study in the parish school of missions at the same time Rev. Bob Bowers and Rev. Jim Fellers held sessions on "Reconciliation in a Broken World." Reconciliation has been the purpose of the children's church at Turnagain where guests representing many facets of life "relate to children in a personal and loving manner." Guests have included several denominations, a Jew, the Blacks, a Catholic Family, artist Robert Mayokok, an officer and police dog, the AMU Karate Team, scientists and fathers in the congregation. Turnagain also held an African inquiry on several Sunday mornings which included Rev. Ac Wischmeier speaking on Racism and South Africa and Mr. Charles Odidi of Kenya.

The Juneau-Douglas Parish held six Friday evening sessions on Reconciliation pegged on the generations, the church, race, and politics. In February, the annual missionary dinner was held in Juneau and was designed to answer some of the questions posed by the China situation.

"Dare to Reconcile" was the study at the Sitka School of Missions held on four nights March 4-8 and included a field trip to Sheldon

Jackson College and Mt. Edgecumbe.

Anchor Park in Anchorage held a church wide study on "The Christian in Today's World" on four evenings led by the pastor, Rev. Leo Cramer, and Mrs. Cramer conducted six sessions with a WSCS group on "Search for a Meaningful Faith."

The other program and a first for this board was the itineration of Rev. Eduardo Segundo Castro Cajuat of Taytay, Philippines. He was engaged for itineration in Alaska through the Division of Interpretation. His expense while in Alaska was funded under "New Work and New Projects" of our Alaska Board of Missions. Mr. Cajuat arrived in Juneau on Saturday, April 25, spoke for two minutes at worship in First Church on Sunday and showed slides to twenty that night. He addressed a luncheon of thirty at First Church Fairbanks on Tuesday and had a two and a half hour interview on Fairbanks Radio that evening. Wednesday night he was the guest of twenty Chugiak United Methodists for a potluck and program. Thursday he spoke at the Alaska Methodist University Chapel and Friday afternoon led a seminar class there on "The Christian and the World." Friday he showed slides to the Spenard Rotary Club and two classes at Mears Junior High in Anchorage. At St. John he met with the Administrative Board Thursday night and spoke to fifty youths and adults from St. John, Anchor Park and First Church Sunday night. Saturday night with Ac Wischmeier and Donald Hartman, Mr. Cajuat talked to Girdwood Methodist about the Philippines. Seward, Soldotna, and Ninilchik United Methodists also heard Mr. Cajuat. It was a fine experience for our Alaska Churches to hear about the work of the Philippine Church and come to know a wonderful Christian from the Southeast Asia.

## **REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

"The efforts of the pious female must not be spurned" — with this statement a century and a half ago the Methodist Church recognized women's organizations in the church. What followed was the unleashing of a tremendous potential of Women Power and a history of missionary involvement in hospitals, schools, community centers and more recently in areas of social and economic injustice.

A Women's Society of Christian Service is provided for in the Discipline, paragraph 159.3. It is committed to:

"Help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ; to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world; to unite them in a Christian fellowship to make Christ known throughout the world; and to develop a personal responsibility for the whole task of the Church."

In reality, it is one of the ministries of the local church.

Today the Women's Division, a division of the Board of Missions, numbers 1,800,000 members in over 39,000 local societies and contribute 41% of the budget of the Board of Missions. Here in Alaska 421 women are organized into 18 Women's Societies and four Wesleyan Service Guilds. In 1969 \$5,345.00 was the total giving to the Women's Division.

Through this year's program emphasis CHOICE AND CHANGE

we have been dealing with the complex society in which we live and the necessity of making responsible choices. The purpose of our studying is for action — that we might be agents of change, committed to being God's people at work in the world today. Where has this challenge taken us this year?

It took us into the arena of state politics supporting legislation for full cost of care for state wards, increased aid to dependent mothers, a liberalized abortion law, alcoholic rehabilitation.

It took us into the arena of ecumenical dialogue on COCU; into participation in Church Women United special observances and projects; into an envolvement between Trinity Presbyterian Church, Turnagain Methodist and a new United Sand Lake Parish.

It took us into the arena of caring — caring personally for individuals in Maynard McDougall Hospital, Nome; Wesleyan Hospital, Seward; Pioneers Home, Sitka; Jesse Lee Home, Anchorage; Alaska Psychiatric Institute; Anchorage.

One of the high points of our year was the annual School of Christian Mission, August 21, to 24, in cooperation with the Board of Missions. Our staff included: Mrs. J. Boyd Tyrrell, New York; Mrs. Rachel Jones, Nome; and the Reverend Hal Banks, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, Alaska. Dynamic "Peg" Tyrell, Assistant General Secretary of the Women's Division made the work of the Board of Missions come excitingly alive.

Training women to grow in lay leadership is one of the aims of the Women's Division. Emily Britton, Betty DeVore, and Earlene Terry took part in a training event in Cincinnati in April. Betty DeVore attended the Regional School of Christian Mission in Salt Lake City and Served as Encounter Group Leader for our Alaska School. These training opportunities were shared as Conference officers led officer training sessions in the local societies in May.

A Task Force on Working Women: Her Needs and How the Church Can Meet Her Needs, was formed. Members of the Task Force were Mary Jane Hickey, Cleone Hambright, Betty Arnett, and Elva Scott. A report of their research is available and will be useful as societies and churches plan programs to meet specific needs.

The 1970 Assembly in Houston, Texas was attended by Kay Alter and Jean Stassel. Its theme, "Choose Life"; challenged those who stayed at home, as well as those in attendance in Houston to choose a life obedient to God — to choose a life for others — to choose a life of ultimate joy.

When Mrs. Wayne Harrington, president of the Women's Division was asked about the role of the Women's Division in the future she replied:

"We hope to continue to develop women trained for leadership in church and society — women with compassionate hearts and trained minds unafraid to meet the challenges of tomorrow. They will move out in action ahead of their day."

Jean Stassel, President

## **COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION**

We will generalize and summarize rather than dwell on details.  
We Thank and Appreciate:

Alaska Methodist University for use of the land and buildings.

The leadership levels we sought and need, E.G. the Bishop and  
The Mission Board (N.Y.)

The complete Clergy, past and present — those who have served  
over the years and those who are now ready to carry on in the Alaska  
Mission — and their wonderful wives who are truly 'the better half'.

Those loyal, loving, living laymen who put up with the clergy and  
all the confusion that has been part of this week's schedule.

Flowers were presented with thanks and love to Mrs. E. W. Palmer  
and Mrs. Ac C. Wischmeier.

Jim Thompson  
Normal Nelson  
Clara Mae Walther  
Esther Olson  
Alma Hartman

Special thanks (standing ovation) to the Bishop's Committee on  
cutting \$44,375 from the budget. Amen.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **1. Chronological List of Annual Sessions of the Alaska Mission**

Chronological list of Annual Sessions of the Alaska Mission  
through 1966 are found on page 83 of the 1966 Official Journal.

### **2. Chronological List of Ministers Who Have Served in Alaska**

The chronological list of ministers who have served in Alaska  
through June 1966 appears in the 1966 Official Journal, page 84. The  
next record will appear in the 1971 Journal.

### **3. REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN**

(Statistical Tables)

### **4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

(Financial Tables)

## IN MEMORIUM

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

Mr. Melvin Sherhart	Anchorage, First
Mr. Warner Browning	Anchorage, First
Mrs. Ross (Gladys) Wood	Anchorage First
Mr. A. Y. Huang	Anchorage, First
Thomas C. Sweat	Anchor Park
Mary Christine McDannel	Anchor Park
Richard D. Lockyer	East Anchorage
Douglas Gordon	Fairbanks, First
Mrs. Jay (Peggy) Cameron	Fairbanks, First
Jay Cameron	Fairbanks, First
Ermajo (Wiggins) Ward	Fairbanks, First
Robert Peihl	Ketchikan, First
Mrs. Blanche Weyenna	Nome
Henry Luke	Nome
Mrs. Mabel Ramsey	Nome
Nancy Cabinboy	Nome
Ruth Perry	Sitka
Gary Smith	Lavinia-Wallace-Young Community Center Nome

## PASTORAL RECORD

**(All pastors serving in the Alaska Mission hold membership in Annual Conference)**

**BARTEL, BRUCE ALLAN** — Probationer 1965, Wisconsin Conference (Evangelical United Brethren); Deacon, 1969, Wisconsin Conference; Elder 1970; Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point 1966; Evangelical Theological Seminary 1970; East Wisconsin Conference, Milladore 1965; Wisconsin Rapids (associate) 1965; Alaska Mission, First Anchorage (associate) 1970. Wife: Kathleen Ann.

**BOWERS, ROBERT DALE** — Trial 1958, South Iowa Conference; Full Connection 1961; Deacon 1959; Elder 1961; Drake University 1957; Garrett Theological Seminary 1961; South Iowa Conference, Victor-Immanuel 1961; East Wisconsin Conference, Brookfield 1964; Alaska Mission, Seward-Moose Pass 1967, Kenai 1969. Wife: Beverly Jackson. Children: Stephen Robert b. 10-24-61; Carolyn Jean b. 10-13-63; Christine Yvonne b. 1-24-66.

**CRAMER, LEO CARL** — Trial 1955, Central Pennsylvania; Full Connection 1957, Erie Conference; Deacon 1955; Elder 1957; West Virginia Wesleyan College 1954; Wesley Theological Seminary 1957. 1955 Newton Hamilton; 1957, Sandy Lake; 1963, Alaska Mission, Chugiak; 1965 Anchor Park. Wife Mona Lou Buhite. Children: Jamie Elizabeth b. 7-10-55; Stephen Carl b. 10-22-57; Cathy Sue b. 6-23-59; Craig John b. 6-13-61; Daniel Jay b. 8-31-69.

DAHL, THOMAS HOWARD — Trial, 1961, Minnesota; Full Connection, 1964, Minnesota; Deacon 1961; Elder 1964; University of Minnesota 1960; Wesleyan Theological Seminary 1964. 1958, Minnesota Finlayson, 1961, Peninsula, Ellendale; 1964, Alaska Mission, Homer, 1966, Juneau; 1969, Director, Model Cities Agency, City of Juneau. Wife: Gail Elizabeth Golden. Children: Steven Eric b. 6-28-61; Kathryn Mary b. 6-9-64; Michael Thomas b. 5-19-66.

DeVORE, HOWARD LEWIS — Trial 1950, Iowa-Des Moines; Full Connection 1954, Iowa-Des Moines; Deacon 1952; Elder 1954; Centerville Junior College 1948; Iowa Wesleyan College 1950; Garrett Theological Seminary 1954. 1950, Iowa-Des Moines, Mt. Union; 1954, Gravity; 1958, Menlo; 1962, Alaska Mission, Nome; 1966, St. John, Hope. Wife: Betty Jean Clemens. Children: Joel Stephen b. 6-10-51; Jon Michael b. 12-10-54.

FELLERS, JAMES ROBERT — Trial 1967, Central Kansas; Full Connection 1961, Kansas West; Deacon 1967; Elder 1961; Asbury College 1966; Candler School of Theology 1969; North Georgia, Belvedere 1966; Alaska Mission, Kenai Parish, North Star, 1969; 1970, North Star, Soldotna. Wife: Faye. Brother-in-law: Ray Gilkey.

FISON, DAVID KONRAD — Trial 1954, Rock River; Full Connection 1956, Rock River; Deacon 1954; Elder 1956; William Jewell College 1952; Garrett Biblical Institute 1956. 1949, Southwest Missouri, Bates City; 1952, Rock River, Malden; 1954, Ingelside; 1956, South Deering; 1960, Alaska Mission, Anchorage First; 1961, Ketchikan First; 1966, Fairbanks, First. Wife: D. Aleen Boxx. Children: Susan Renee b. 6-20-47; Deborah Ann b. 3-19-53; Paul Wesley b. 8-1-58; Jane Elizabeth b. 7-20-61; David James b. 9-23-63.

GAY, RICHARD RODDA — Trial 1945, Philadelphia; Full Connection 1947, Pittsburgh; Deacon 944; Elder 1946; Ursinus College 1942; School of Theology, Drew University 1945; Graduate School, University of Pittsburgh 1949. 1941 Philadelphia, Evansburg; 1943, St. John's; 1944, Hulmeville; 1946, Pittsburgh, First (Associate); Special Appointments, 1950, Director of Religious Activities and Assistant Professor of Religion, Ohio Wesleyan Univ.; 1954 Assistant to the President, Ohio Wesleyan Univ.; 1956, Warrenburg, Ohio Church; 1960, Alaska Mission, Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy and University Chaplain; 1961, Rabbit Creek Mission (Church of the Beloved Disciple); 1962, Professor of Religion and Philosophy and University Chaplain, Alaska Methodist University. Wife: Averill Virginia Fox. Children: Judith Sharyn b. 1-4-45; Patricia Lynne b. 6-20-48; Sheryl Arvil b. 4-8-51; Richard Rodda, III b. 4-25-55; Jerilee b. 6-28-60.

GILBERT, RICHARD E. — Trial 1964, New York Conference; Full Connection 1966; Deacon 1964; Elder 1966; Albion College 1953; Garrett Theological Seminary 1958. 1958, Director of Christian Education, Children's Village, Detroit, Michigan; Jan. 1964, White Plains, New York (associate); Sept. 1965, Alaska Mission, Director, Jesse Lee Home, Wife: Mary, Children: Marilyn Lorraine b. 8-13-46; Mark Carlyle b. 4-14-55.

**GROVES, LELAND EUGENE** — Trial 1959, Oregon; Full Connection 1962; Deacon 1960; Elder 1962; Willamette University, 1957; Chicago Theological Seminary, Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago, 1961. 1961, Sutherlin-Wilbur; 1963, Alaska Mission, Anchorage First Associate; 1966, in school; 1967, Alaska Mission, Fairbanks First Associate and Wesley Foundation; 1969, Chugiak. Wife: LaRae Atwood. Children: Jeffry b. 12-9-67.

**HARTMAN, DONALD LEE** — Trial 1959, Pittsburgh; Full Connection, Western Pennsylvania, 1962; Deacon 1959; Elder 1962; Ashbury College 1958; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary 1962. 1957, Kentucky Mitchellsburg - Wesley Chapel; 1958, Western Pennsylvania, McKeesport, Christy Park; 1962, Pittsburgh, Emory (Associate); 1964, Pittsburgh, Bethany House Inner City Ministry; 1966 Alaska Mission, Anchorage First (Associate); 1968, Anchorage First Associate and Girdwood; 1970, Sitka. Wife: Alma Doyle Young. Children: Karl Bradford b. 7-24-56; Jeanette Lynn b. 7-22-57; Kurt Brian b. 1-14-59; Janet Lee b. 6-7-60.

**HAYS, WALTER LEE, JR.** — Trial 1969, Ohio; Full Connection 1963; Deacon 1961; Elder 1963; University of Cincinnati 1960; Methodist Theological School, Ohio, 963; 1960, Ohio, Newark First, assistant; 1961, Trinity (Columbus), assistant; 1963; Alaska Mission, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Alaska Mission; 1969, Director of Program Council of the Alaska Mission. Wife: Lydia Lou Jackson. Children: Thomas Campbell b. 9-24-63; Robert Kim b. 2-19-65; Kenneth Richard b. 4-8-67.

**HORNER, CHARLES W.** — Trial 955, South Dakota; Full Connection 1957, South Dakota Conference; Deacon 955; Elder 1957; Dakota Wesleyan University 1953; Drew Theological Seminary 1957; Newark Conference, Sparrowbush-Rio 1953; South Dakota Conference, Coleman - Wellman 1957; First Church Spearfish 1960. 1964, Alaska Mission, Turnagain Community Church; 1970, Ketchikan, First. Wife: Doris Mae Hollingsworth. Children: Charles Ray b. 12-1-53; Nancy Ellen b. 7-16-55; Gregory Glenn b. 9-24-57; Deanna Dee b. 8-6-59.

**JONES, ERNEST HOWARD** — Trial 952, Indiana; Full Connection 1954; Deacon 1953; Elder 1954; DePauw University 1951; Boston University School of Theology 1954. 954, Indiana, Columbus Asbury; 957; Milan; 1959, Brownstown; 1963, Alaska Mission, Douglas; 1968, Nome. Wife: Rachel Sue Scott. Children: Richard Scott b. 11-18-57; Kathryn Lee b. 6-4-60

**LUECK, GARY ALLEN** — Certificate of Licensure May 1964, Minnesota Conference (Evangelical United Brethren); Ordination as an Elder May 1966, Minnesota Conference (EUB); North Central College 1961; Evangelistic Pediger Seminar, Germany 1962; Evangelical Theological Seminary 1966; Minnesota Conference (EUB) Pleasant Prairie and Granada 1966; Pleasant Prairie and Delavan 1967; Alaska Mission, Seward-Moose Pass-Cooper Landing 1969. Wife: Piroska Blanka Levius. Children: Vanesse Piroska b. 5-5-70.

**McGINNIS, FREDERICK PATRICK** — Trial 1948, Ohio; Full Connection 1950; Deacon 1949; Elder 1950; Asbury College 1945;

Emory University 1945; Asbury Theological Seminary 1948. 1947, Indiana, Ramsey; 1947, Ohio, Quincy; 1950, Alaska Mission, Juneau; 1954, Anchorage First; 1955, Superintendent Alaska Mission; 1960, President, Alaska Methodist University. Wife: Harriet Riggs. Children: Brian Timothy b. 12-13-49; Mary Ann b. 6-6-55.

NELSON, ROBERT WILLIAM — Trial 1962, Southern California-Arizona; Full Connection 1965, Southern California-Arizona; Deacon 1962; Elder 1965; El Camino College 1958; University of California, Los Angeles 1961; School of Theology at Claremont 1965. 1962, Southern California-Arizona, Cermont Square, Los Angeles; 1965, Alaska Mission, Kenai Parish; 1969, Wesley Foundation, First Associate; 1970, United Campus Ministry, University of Alaska. Wife: Norma Lee Trennert. Children: Erik Tighe b. 12-2-64; Lynette Susan b. 11-27-66.

SHAFFER, JOHN JAY — Trial 1960, Central Illinois; Full Connection 1962, Central Illinois; Deacon 1960; Elder 1962; Illinois Wesleyan University 1959; Garrett Theological Seminary 1962. 1958, Central Illinois, Wapella; 1959, Danville, St. James (Associate); 1962, Alaska Mission, Kenai Parish; 1965, Chugiak; 1969, Juneau; 1970, Juneau & Douglas Larger Parish. Wife: Barbara Marian Dadd.

THOMPSON, JAMES HANEY — Trial 1955, West Wisconsin Conference; Full Connection 1957, Pacific Northwest Conference; Deacon 1955; Elder 1957; Springfield College (Mass.) 1951; Garrett Theological Seminary 1955. 1955, Pacific Northwest Conference-Skyway; 1955, Washington State Penitentiary (Chaplain); 1961, Orofino, Idaho; 1966, Alaska Mission, Homer. Wife: Mary Elizabeth McGeoch. Children: Fred Wayne b. 5-10-52; Richard Lyle b. 1-15-56; Carol Lynn b. 12-12-58.

TINDELL, JOHN R. — Trial 1959, Florida; Full Connection 1963, Florida; Deacon 1959; Elder 1963; Student, Chandler School of Theology, 1959; Mirimar, Florida 1961; Student, University of Edinburgs 1964; Alaska Mission, Sitka 1965; 1970, East Anchorage. Wife: Beryl Louise Insinger. Children: Raymond Sidney b. 3-29-60; Cynthia Adair b. 5-13-63.

TRUDEAU, WILLIAM GEORGE — Trial 1965, Detroit Conference; Deacon 1965; Adrian College 1964; Perkins School of Theology 1968; 1967, Wesley Foundation, Ohio State University; 1968, Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1968; 1970, Director, Nome Community Center. Wife: Danita Elaine Nelson. Children: David William b. 9-12-70.

WALTERS, EUGENE — Trial 1954, Oregon; Full Connection 1956, Oregon; Deacon 1954; Elder 1956; Willamette University, 1952; School of Theology, Drew University 1955. 1953 Newark Confeernce, Jersey City, Linden Avenue; 1956, Oregon Conference, Portland, Vermont Hills; 1964, Alaska Mission, Associate Fairbanks First and Wesley Foundation Director; 1967, Anchorage First. Wife: Carolann. Children: Daniel Eugene b. 10-10-55; Steven Ernest b. 12-30-56; Jeannine Ruth b. 4-11-58.

WISCHMEIER, Ac CHESTER — Trial 1938, North Indiana; Full Connection, 1940; University of Nebraska, 1933; Boston University School of Theology, 1937; Graduate School, Boston University School of Theology, 1940; Pacific Northwest, 1941, Salman Creek-

East Vancouver; 1942, East Vancouver; 1946 Lewiston, Idaho; 1949 Kennewick, 1953 Seattle, Haller Lake; 1959 Superintendent, Walla Walla District; 1961, Superintendent Tacoma District; 1965, Yakima First; 1967, Bellingham, Garden Street; 1969, Superintendent, Alaska Mission. Wife Irene Zella Leech. Children: Stephen Wesley, 7-25-40; Suzanna Jane, 4-19-43; Don Arthur, 4-4-46.

WHITEHEAD, THOMAS M. — Trial, 1956, Oregon; Full Connection, 1958, Oregon; Deacon, 1956, Elder 1958; Willamette University, 1955; Pacific School of Religion, 1958; Bay City - Garribaldi, 1958; St. Paul's, in Milwaukie, Oregon, 1962; Alaska Mission, Turnagain, 1970. Wife: Beverly Jane Wright. Children: Kathleen Teresa b. 5-11-55; Donald Mark b. 3-18-58; Daniel Lee b. 5-9-62.

#### **MEMBER EMERITUS**

GROVES, MEREDITH A. — Trial, 1924, Northwest Kansas, Lenora; 1925, in school; 1927, Membership, Oregon, Turner; 1928, West Salem; 1931, Cottage Grove; 1935, Beech Street, Portland; 1941 Seaside; 1947, Medford; 1952, Roseburg; 1953, Supt. Eugene District; 1959 Coordinating Council Executive Secretary; 1964 Superintendent, Alaska Mission. Wife: Esther Bridgeman. Children: Meredith R. b. 9-24-25; Vernon A. b. 9-16-31; L. Eugene b. 7-7-35. 1969, Retired, MEMBER EMERITUS.

**ALASKA MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**December 31, 1969**

ACCT. NO.		BAL.	REC.	DISBURSE-	BAL.
		JAN. 1 1969		MENTS	DEC. 31 1969
2000	Ministerial Support	\$ 1,109.58	\$11,336.99	\$12,446.67	\$ (.10)
2012	Conference Claimants	.....	.....	.....	556.04
3020	Connectional Admin.	350.76	7,777.36	8,127.91	.21
3025	Alaska Council of Churches	916.00	1,394.00	2,810.00	.....
4030	World Service	1,130.92	14,958.46	16,088.78	.60
4031	W. S. Specials	.....	233.37	233.37	.....
4032	General Advance Specials	.....	1,712.22	1,712.22	.....
4033	1 Great Hour of Sharing	.....	853.27	853.27	.....
4034	Fellowship of S and S.	.....	10.00	10.00	.....
4035	TV Ministry	.....	51.55	51.55	.....
4036	Methodist Student Day	.....	132.67	132.67	.....
4037	Methodist Youth Fund	.....	132.67	132.67	.....
4038	Race Relations	.....	276.82	276.82	.....
4039	A.M.U.	.....	508.50	508.50	.....
4041	Fund for Reconciliation	906.21	2,549.77	1,799.81	1,656.17
4044	Christian Education Sun.	.....	288.20	288.20	.....
4047	Jesse Lee Home	.....	255.39	255.39	.....
4048	Conference Advance Spec.	75.00	118.50	193.50	.....
5050A	Conf. Benevolence Reserve	1,744.85	3,361.27	2,250.00	2,856.12
5051	Board of Education	110.52	4,884.26	4,884.26	149.89
5052A	Audio Visual Library	(15.83)	861.10	845.77	.....
5054	Western Area Camp Develop.	(210.70)	1,000.00	780.80	8.50
5054A	Western Area Camp Program	1,391.95	6,289.32	6,070.82	1,610.45
5054B	Central Alaska Camp Comm.	300.00	199.00	.....	499.00
5055	Cache of Songs	129.50	108.00	.....	237.50
5056	Bd. of Lay Activities	295.60	25.00	320.60	.....
5071	Bd. of Social Concerns	232.30	917.70	855.61	294.39
5072	Bd. of Evangelism	.....	50.00	.....	50.00
5073	Bd. of Missions	543.67	1,100.80	1,476.23	168.24
5074	Program Council	.....	625.86	523.19	102.67
5075	Bd. of Ecumenical Affairs	.....	20.00	8.54	11.46
5076	Commission on Worship	.....	50.00	6.00	44.00
5077	Ministerial Education Fund	.....	300.00	225.00	75.00
5078	Health & Welfare Ministries	.....	110.00	.....	110.00
5079	AMU Student Work	.....	100.00	.....	100.00
5092	Builders' Club	130.60	50.00	180.60	.....
5715	Pension Fund (Pers. Paym.)	99.83	3,827.61	3,927.44	.....
5716	Hosp. & Medical Insurance	66.35	6,588.84	7,386.47	(731.28)
	TOTALS	9,307.61	81,041.96	82,550.71	7,798.86

CHURCH & CHARGE NAME OF PASTOR	Principal and Interest on Indebtedness	Buildings and Improvements	Church School Expenses	Other Current Expenses	W.S.C.S.	Miscellaneous Benevolences	Total Pastors' Salaries	Total Pastors' Travel
<b>ANCHORAGE</b>								
Anchor Park Leo Cramer	5,007	1,293	620	4,764	250	366	4,445	819
East Anchorage Max Cramer	2,968	250	685	977	112		1,301	
First Eugene Walters	4,431	3,269	1,541	13,151	878	377	10,092	1,750
Girdwood Donald Hartman	100		11	19				350
St. John Howard DeVore	1,495	191	604	526			700	
Hope Turnagain Charles Horner	1,095	1,013	1,221	6,662		267	4,562	1,342
Chugiak Eugene Groves	2,185		16	1,689	81		1,400	117
Fairbanks David Fison	16,896	977	753	9,725			6,932	1,167
Campus Ministries Robert Nelson								
<b>HOMER PARISH</b>								
James Thompson Anchor Point Homer	220		276	147			700	
Ninilchik	181		83			35	350	58
Seldovia							137	46
<b>JUNEAU-DOUGLAS PARISH</b>								
Douglas William Trudeau	1,855	338	1,281	135			1,575	467
Juneau John Shaffer	1,989	274	5,764	287			4,235	817
<b>KENAI PARISH</b>								
Kenai Robert Bowers	140	1,048	681	2,136			3,208	1,192
North Kenai James Fellers	231	462	161	928		30		350
Soldotna John Walther	9,078	467	140	1,166			350	87
Ketchikan Walter Warner	4,024	21,545	736	7,691	250		5,245	700
Nome Ernest Jones			536	2,216	308		292	
Seward Gary Lueck		525	224	1,707		10	892	758
Moose Pass				191			200	100
<b>Sitka</b>								
John Tindell	2,790	190	429	2,094	322	30	583	700
<b>TOTALS</b>	50,841	35,074	9,329	62,834	2,623	1,115	47,199	10,820

							Total Pastors' Utilities
							Ministerial Support
							Connectional Administration
							World Service
							World Service Specials
							General Advance Specials
							Fellowship of Suff. & Service
							Methodist Student Day
							Youth Service Fund
							Fund for Reconciliation
							Christian Education Sunday
							Higher Education
							Homes for Children, Youth, and Aged
							GRAND TOTAL PAID
719	1,200	861	1,590	56	118	25	100
611	164	117	217	86	40		50
875	485	348	643	217	33		19,259
500	218	157	289	27	9		6,976
710	843	604	1,116	254	600		40,189
1,244	97	70	129	17	17		517
50	24	17	32	5			4,751
513	146	104	208	51	6		18
594	552	396	731	133	46		31
350	303	217	402	64			31
177	48	35	64	30	11		23
700	103	74	137	17	23		9,764
458	546	391	728	50	32		2,527
478	170	122	225	65	53		12,352
650	176	126	233	118	14		42,611
8,629	6,062	4,348	8,048	217	1,156		4,210
				455	8		5,229
					25		8,480
					1,090		590
					203		250,251
					75		
					100		

CHURCH & CHARGE NAME OF PASTOR	Total members at close of last year	Received on conf. of faith or restored	Received from other U.M.C.	Received from other Denomin.	Removed by Ch. Conf. action or withdrawn	Removed by transfer to other U.M.C.	Removed by transfer to other denomini. other denomini.	Removed by Death	Total members at close of this year
<b>ANCHORAGE</b>									
Anchor Park Leo Cramer	365	6	18	0	0	22	0	0	367
East Anchorage Max Cramer	147	12	18	7	0	10	0	1	173
First Eugene Walters	867	6	49	6	1	21	1	0	905
Girdwood Donald Hartman	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
St. John Hope	99	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	101
Howard DeVore	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Turnagain Charles Horner	286	2	19	3	6	6	0	0	298
Chugiak Eugene Groves	144	0	3	1	1	3	0	0	144
Fairbanks David Fison	603	7	23	4	4	17	9	3	604
Campus Ministries Robert Nelson									
<b>HOMER PARISH</b>									
James Thompson									
Anchor Point	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Homer	88	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	96
Ninilchik	39	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	42
Seldovia	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
<b>JUNEAU-DOUGLAS PARISH</b>									
Douglas William Trudeau	95	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	90
Juneau John Shaffer	278	3	7	0	28	8	3	0	249
<b>KENAI PARISH</b>									
Kenai									
Robert Bowers	137	6	10	12	2	11	4	0	164
North Kenai James Fellers	30	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	40
Soldotna									
John Walther	63	4	8	1	2	2	0	0	72
Ketchikan	392	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	383
Clover Pass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Point Walter Warner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ernest Jones									
Nome	153	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	148
Seward	124	0	2	0	6	2	0	1	117
Gary Lueck	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Moose Pass									
Sitka John Tindell	95	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	96
<b>TOTALS</b>	4,085	56	173	37	52	116	19	10	4,170



U. METHODIST MEN GROUP		Value of church land, buildings and equipment	Value of church owned parsonages and furniture	Value of other assets (cash bonds, other property, etc.)	Unpaid balance on indebtedness on assets and property	Balance of other indebtedness (current expenses, etc.)	CHURCH & CHARGE NAME OF PASTOR
0	272,840	49,000	15,000	51,617	0		ANCHORAGE Anchor Park Leo Cramer
0	200,500	38,500	0	30,500	0		East Anchorage Max Cramer
1	876,760	49,000	197,000	160,596	0		First Eugene Walters
0	40,000	0	0	825	0		Girdwood Donald Hartman
0	160,000	50,000	0	30,425	0		St. John Hope Howard Devore
0	10,000	0	0	0	0		Turnagain Charles Horner
0	351,600	42,500	0	55,260	1,500		Chugiak Eugene Groves
1	206,000	37,000	1,100	35,000	1,524		Fairbanks David Fison
0	696,000	40,000	0	113,540	0		Campus Ministries Robert Nelson
							HOMER PARISH James Thompson
0	10,000	0	0	0	0		Anchor Point Homer
0	126,000	85,000	0	0	0		Ninilchik
0	90,000	0	0	0	0		Seldovia
							JUNEAU-DOUGLAS PARISH
0	80,000	32,000	492	0	0		Douglas William Trudeau
1	145,000	38,500	7,758	0	0		Juneau John Shaffer
							KENAI PARISH Kenai Robert Bowers
0	114,000	44,000	0	0	2,140		North Kenai James Fellers
0	15,000	12,950	0	0	0		Soldotna John Walther
1	58,000	47,700	0	12,700	0		Ketchikan
0	265,000	28,000	4,597	47,005	0		Clover Pass
0	16,000	0	0	0	0		Mountain Point Walter Warner
0	27,500	0	0	0	0		Nome Ernest Jones
							Seward
0	290,000	5,000	16,483	0	0		Moose Pass Gary Lueck
0	90,000	51,000	5,043	3,580	0		Sitka John Tindell
0	15,000	15,000	0	0	0		TOTALS
0	104,000	32,000	0	16,800	0		
4	4,344,200	697,150	247,473	557,848	5,164		

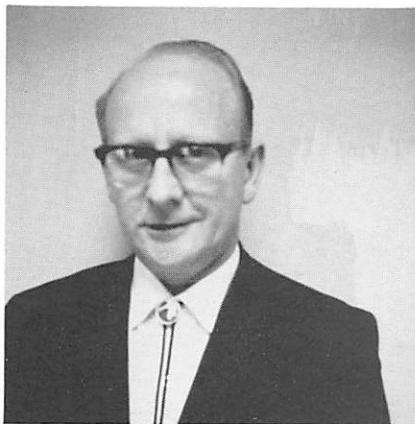
Superintendent	Ac C. Wischmeier	(2)	1969
Director, Program Council	Walter L. Hays, Jr.	(8)	1963
<b>CHARGE</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>	<b>Years In Position</b>	<b>Year To Mission</b>
Anchorage:			
Anchor Park	Leo C. Cramer	(6)	1963
East Anchorage	John Tindell	(1)	1965
First	Eugene Walters	(4)	1964
First Associate, Girdwood	Bruce Bartell	(1)	1970
St. John, Hope	Howard L. Devore	(5)	1962
Turnagain	Thomas Whitehead	(1)	1970
Chugiak	L. Eugene Groves	(2)	1963
Fairbanks	David K.Fison	(5)	1960
Homer, Anchor Point, Seldovia & Ninilchik	James H. Thompson	(5)	1966
Juneau-Douglas Larger Parish:			
Douglas	John J. Shaffer	(1)	1962
Juneau	John J. Shaffer	(2)	1962
Kenai Parish:			
Kenai	Robert Bowers	(2)	1967
North Kenai	James R. Fellers	(2)	1969
Soldotna	James R. Fellers	(1)	1969
Ketchikan	Charles Horner	(1)	1964
Nome	Ernest H. Jones	(3)	1963
Seward, Moose Pass and Cooper Landing	Gary Lueck	(2)	1969
Sitka	Donald Hartman	(1)	1966
<b>FOR INFORMATION:</b> On special appointment to the National Division for work within the boundaries of the Mission. (Without Annuity Claim)			
President, A.M.U.	Fred P. McGinnis	(11)	1950
Chaplain & Professor of Religion, A.M.U.	Richard R. Gay	(11)	1961
Director of Model Cities, City of Juneau	Thomas H. Dahl	(2)	1964
United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks	Robert Nelson	(2)	1965
Supt., Jesse Lee Home	Richard Gilbert	(6)	1965
Deaconess, Jesse Lee Home	Jean Morgan	(10)	1961
Director, Nome Community Center	William G. Trudeau	(1)	1968



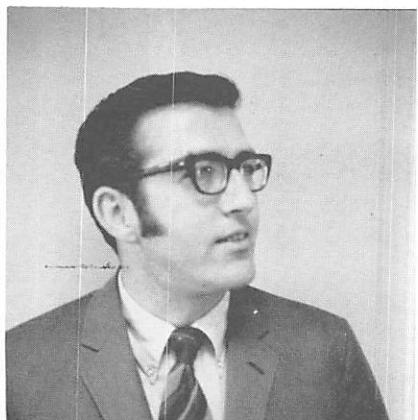
**Robert Bowers**



**Leo C. Cramer**



**Max Cramer**



**Thomas H. Dahl**



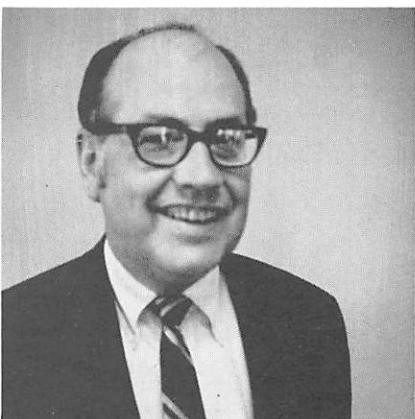
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**James R. Fellers**



**David K. Fison**



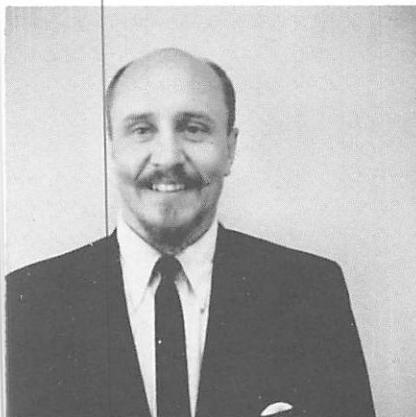
**Richard R. Gay**



**Richard Gilbert**



**L. Eugene Groves**



**Donald Hartman**



**Walter L. Hays, Jr.**



**Charles Horner**



**Ernest H. Jones**



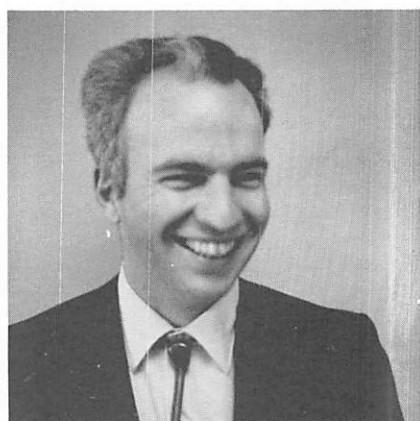
**Gary Lueck**



**Frederick P. McGinnis**



**Robert Nelson**



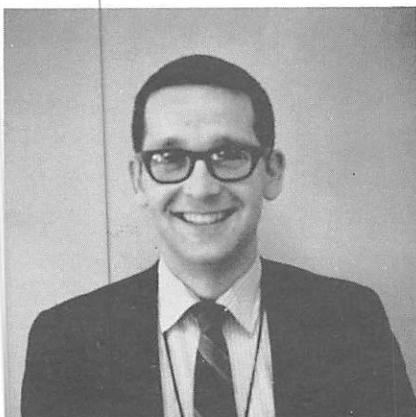
**John J. Shaffer**



James H. Thompson



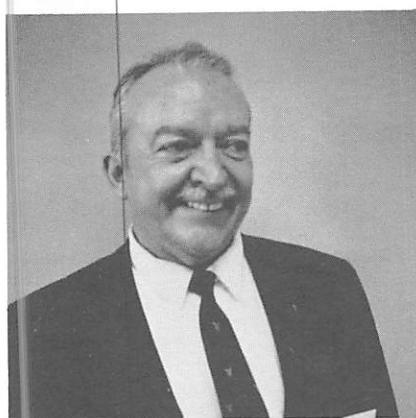
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